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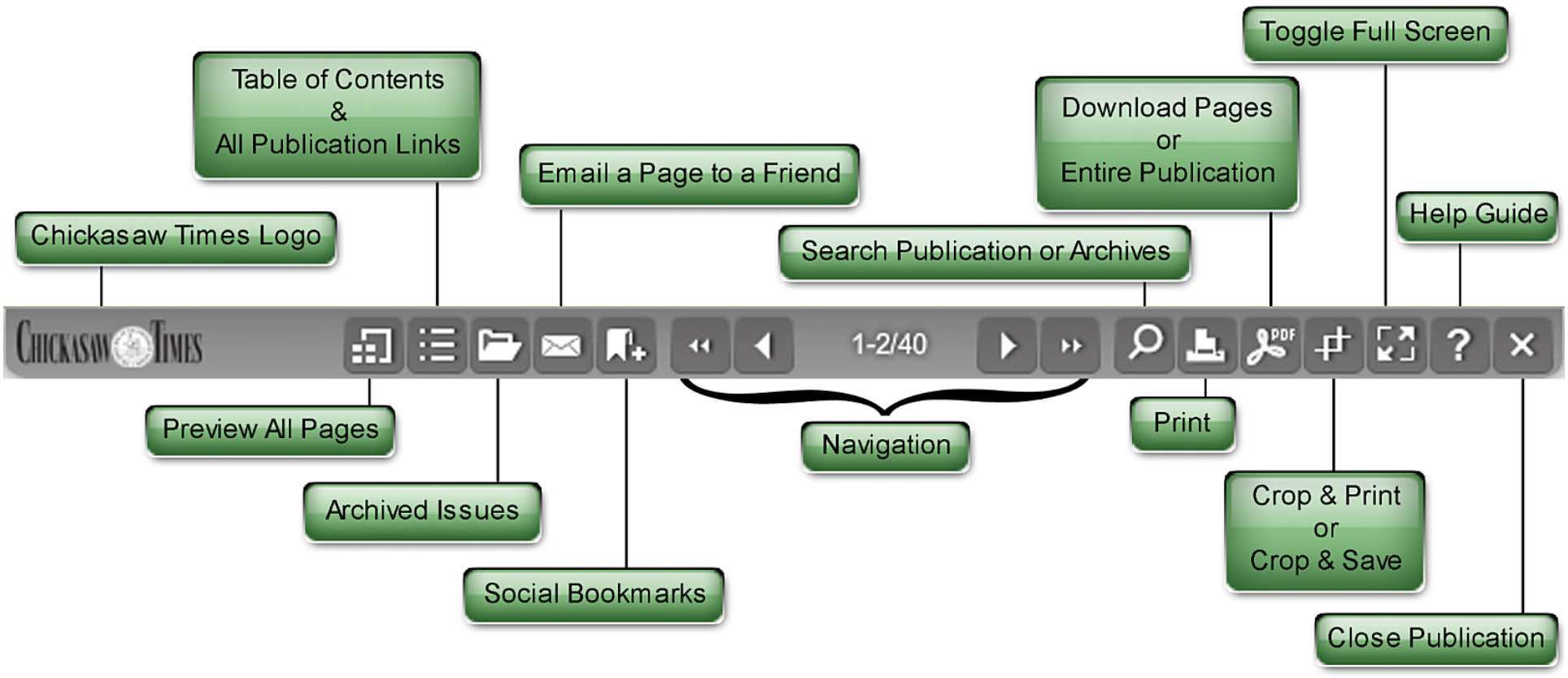

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A statue of renowned Oklahoma historian Angie Debo was unveiled at the Stillwater, Okla., Public Library Nov. 18. Governor Bill Anoatubby, left, and Oklahoma City University President Robert Henry spoke during the ceremony. They are shown here with the sculptor, Phyllis Mantic.

Angie Debo statue unveiled at Stillwater Public Library

STILLWATER, Okla. - A statue honoring the memory of famed Oklahoma historian Angie Debo was unveiled Nov. 18 at the Stillwater public library.

Governor Bill Anoatubby was among almost 200 scholars, tribal leaders and friends of Angie Debo who honored the late Miss Debo.

The late Miss Debo (1890-1988) is the author of 13 books and dozens of articles about Oklahoma and Native American history. Probably her best know work, "And Still the Waters Run," chronicles how citizens of the Five Civilized Tribes were swindled out of their lands after tribal lands were allotted under Dawes Act

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Chickasaw elder veterans celebrate Veterans Day in D.C.

Seventeen Chickasaw veterans celebrated activities surrounding Veterans Day in Washington, D.C., on a trip sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation. Pictured from left are Bill Moore, Cushing, Okla.; Charles Blankenship, Stonewall, Okla.; Jackie Grace, Ringling, Okla.; Hubert Lampkin, Ardmore, Okla.; James Amerson, Tecumseh, Okla.; Calvin Johnson, Ardmore; Eugene Thompson, Austin, Texas; James Hodges, Oklahoma City; John Cole, Norman, Okla.; Paul Reed, Denton, Texas; Arlie Willis, Lubbock, Texas; John Vale, Albuquerque; Jerry Byers, Florence, Ariz.; Eugene Arpelar, McAlester, Okla.; Gerald Hurley, Tulsa; Larry McGranahan, Kingston, Okla. and James Johnson, Ardmore. The men are gathered at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As a pilot with the Strategic Air Command, Maj. Jerry Byers had the nerves of steel required to carry nuclear weapons over the Soviet Union on a regular basis. Nevertheless, this U.S. Air Force veteran of more than 27 years was almost overcome with emotion during his recent trip to Washington, D.C.

Mr. Byers, now retired, could hardly restrain the tears the morning of Nov. 10 as he spoke of being selected to lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns.

"No greater honor, in my estimation, can a man have than to serve in a capacity such as laying this wreath on these fallen comrades who are unknown

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Season's Greetings

Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

Season's Greetings and warmest holiday wishes to all Chickasaws!

We are thankful for the many blessings we enjoy, particularly our families, our friends and our tribe.

We share a very special history that makes us keenly aware of the goodness of God. The generations of Chickasaws who preceded us were faced with seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

We have been blessed by the many, many Chickasaw people who sacrificed that we might build from a solid foundation.

We extend special holiday wishes to all our men and women serving in the military. We pray for your safety and your happy return home.

Season's greetings to our Chickasaw veterans who served our country so honorably; to our Chickasaw elders who add so much richness to our lives; to our Chickasaw families, for whom we prayerfully request love and closeness.

Let us remember in our prayers those who have trouble in their lives and those who are alone this season. Our prayer is that we answer the call fully when directed to help our fellow man.

The season of peace and fullness of spirit is upon us!

God bless you, your family and our beloved tribe.

Bill Anoatubby

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Four Chickasaw veterans laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery, Wednesday, Nov. 10. From left are Jerry Byers, of Florence, Ariz.; Eugene Thompson, of Austin, Texas; Bill Moore, of Cushing, Okla.; and James Johnson, of Ardmore, Okla.

but to God only," Mr. Byers said. "I am so humbled by it that words cannot express it."

Mr. Byers was one of four Chickasaw elder veterans selected to lay the wreath during the Nov. 8-13 trip to Washington.

James Johnson, Bill Moore and Eugene Thompson, who also took part in the ceremony, agreed that it was an incredibly moving experience.

Mr. Thompson, a retired U.S. Army Colonel now living in Austin, Texas, said, "This really is the greatest honor and compliment that has been paid to me since I left the service."

Mr. Johnson, an 82-year-old retired U.S. Air Force Tech Sergeant from Ardmore, Okla., said, "It means so much to me. It's a lifetime memory."

Mr. Moore, a retired U.S. Marine Corps Captain living in Cushing, Okla., said "It is truly an honor to place a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns on behalf of the Chickasaw Indian Nation."

The men were among 17 Chickasaw elder veterans who took part in the trip, which was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the trip was one way the tribe could express appreciation to those who served.

"These men and women epitomize the qualities which make our nation great," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We enjoy the benefits of freedom because individuals such as these live lives marked by dedication to duty, self-sacrifice and quiet commitment. While there is no way to repay them, we should always show them the respect and appreciation they so richly deserve."

Members of the group included veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Retired U.S. Air Force Tech Sergeant John Vale from Albuquerque, said, "People came up and said thank you for serving in the service and that was really meaningful."

Eugene Arpelar, 78-year-old retired U.S. Navy veteran from McAlester, Okla., said, "This trip means a whole lot to me. And I know it means a whole lot to these other veterans, too.

"We shouldn't forget the veterans. They gave their lives for this country and they fought for this country. And it's our beloved America."

The group arrived in Washington on Monday, Nov. 8. On Veteran's Day, the group visited the Lincoln Memorial, the Korean, Vietnam and World War II Memorials as well as the National Museum of the American Indian.

They took a tour of the White House Friday, before returning Home Saturday.

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Four Chickasaw veterans took part in a ceremonial laying of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, Wednesday, Nov. 10. Eugene Thompson, of Austin, Texas, and James Johnson, of Ardmore, Okla., place the wreath as Bill Moore, of Cushing, Okla., and Jerry Byers, of Florence, Ariz., stand at attention.

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of 1887.

"Still Waters," published in 1936, was highly controversial at the time. Miss Debo was actually barred from teaching history in Oklahoma for a period of years following "Still Waters."

Her doctoral dissertation, "The Rise and Fall of the Choctaw Republic," also sent shock waves through the history community. "Rise" was unique because it approached events from a tribal perspective, rather than an Anglo-American perspective.

Miss Debo was born in Kansas and moved with her family by wagon to Oklahoma Territory in 1899.

She received her bachelor's degree in history from the University of Oklahoma in 1918.

"Angie Debo did more for Native Americans than she probably ever knew," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Her work enlightened America, not just those folks here in Oklahoma. It opened eyes and revealed a hard truth that many people didn't realize had occurred. It may be a sad part of Oklahoma's history, but it had to be told. It was told by a brave young woman and in that telling, she faced adversity. But she told the truth in spite of having every reason not to."

Because Miss Debo was such a strong advocate for the rights of Native Americans, seals of Oklahoma's 38 federally-recognized tribes line the base of the statue sculpted by Phyllis Masnik.

"There is not a person in the history of this planet who has done more to preserve the dignity, the culture, the intellect and the contributions of our first Americans," said Robert Henry, President of Oklahoma City University. "She would be indeed honored that one of the most distinguished American Indian leaders of our history, Governor Anoatubby, is here today.

Oklahoma State University President Burns Hargis served as master of ceremonies for the event.

"I never imagined my name being mentioned in the same breath as Angie Debo," Hargis said. "She's one of my real heroes, and so I'm especially pleased to be here."

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Hospital's interior design rates among the best

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center design selected 'Best of Year' finalist by *Interior Design*

NEW YORK - A design inspired by Chickasaw culture and art has been selected as a finalist for Interior Design Magazine's 2010 Best of Year Awards.

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center architecture firm PageSoutherlandPage, LLP, has been nominated in the healthcare design project category. The company managed planning, programming, architecture, interior design and civil engineering for the new Ada medical center. The Chickasaw Nation Medical Center opened July 31 of this year.

PageSoutherlandPage 's work on the Medical Center will be featured in the Best of Year hardbound commemorative book scheduled for 2011 release.

Designed for tranquility and healing, the 370,000 square-foot state-of-the-art health care facility showcases a great respect for nature and Native American culture.

Color selection throughout the building is influenced by traditional Chickasaw colors with spiritual and cultural meaning. The design patterns on the floors and ceilings reflect a Chickasaw beaded necklace, Basket weaving and textile patterns influence the window and door design, tile configuration and cabinet details.

The healing garden at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center provides a place for the patients, families and friends to relax.

Family gathering - an integral part of the Native American culture - is enhanced in the hospital by spacious patient and visitor rooms. Large windows in patients' rooms allow plenty of natural light in as well as provide generous view of the 230-acre surrounding landscape.

The healing garden opening on to meadows and creeks allows patients, families and friends to find their comfort and connection to nature and the outdoors.

Opened in July 2010, the Medical Center features a 72-bed hospital, level 3 emergency department, ambulatory care facility, diabetes care center, dental clinic, diagnostic imaging center, women's health center, administrative offices, tribal health programs as well as a centrally located "town center" bridging the centers of patient care. For more information about the Center, visit www.chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw citizens and guests visit the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center after the dedication ceremony on July 19. Mike McKee

Conducted annually, the awards recognize the finest interior design projects and products in more than 50 categories.

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Chickasaw Nation's 'Pearl' now available on DVD

"Pearl," the award-winning feature-length film produced by the Chickasaw Nation, is now available for purchase on DVD and Blu Ray.

The family-friendly film focuses on the exceptional teen years of the late Pearl Carter Scott, a Chickasaw girl who in 1928 earned her pilot's license at age 13 and was performing as a barnstormer and commercial pilot by age 14.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the story of the Chickasaw aviatrix was a natural for the tribe's first feature-length film project.

"Pearl was a dynamic, determined and caring individual who exemplified many of the finest qualities of Chickasaw people," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This film is an important part of our efforts to preserve Chickasaw history for future generations. It will help preserve Pearl's legacy by enabling people to relive some of the significant moments in her life - moments which define what made her truly great."

The film has garnered many accolades from audiences and film industry insiders.

"Pearl" was named the best overall film and best Native American film at the 2010 Trail Dance Film Festival. The film was also named a "Heartland Film Festival" official selection.

"Pearl" is one of only 13 feature films chosen for the distinction out of more than 600 submissions to Heartland. The organization is well known as one of the largest family-oriented film festivals in the world.

"Pearl" also won a prestigious "Best of Show" award from "The Indie Fest," and swept the feature docudrama category at the "International Cherokee Film Festival."

The Dove Foundation awarded "Pearl" four "Doves," giving the film its "Family-Approved Seal" for all ages.

The film was also showcased at the 9th Annual deadCENTER Film Festival and the American Film Institute (AFI) International Film Festival.

The movie was filmed at various locations in Oklahoma, including the historic Harn Homestead, the El Reno Municipal Airport, the Jude and Jody Airport and several locations in and around Guthrie.

"Pearl" features several Chickasaw cast members.

Paden Brown, a Byng (OK) High School freshman, plays Arnetta, Pearl's little sister.

Pauline Brown, Chickasaw elder and culture preservationist, portrays Widow Harjo in the film.

Paulina Gee, three-year-old daughter of Chickasaw Nation Deputy Attorney General Debra Gee, was cast as Louise, Pearl's oldest daughter.

Other Chickasaws with speaking parts in "Pearl" include Micah Hart (Older Georgie), former Chickasaw Princess Jaisen Monetatchi (Chickasaw Bride) and Dakota Brown (Chickasaw Friend).

Dozens of Chickasaw citizens, Chickasaw Nation employees and community members were featured as extras.

To order a copy of "Pearl" on DVD or Blu Ray, visit www.PearlTheMovie.net and click on the "Purchase Pearl DVD" button.

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Kids gather at Chickasaw Cultural Center for Youth Heritage Day

Chickasaw students engage in cultural activities

SULPHUR, Okla. - More than 250 students from across Oklahoma took part in Native American Heritage Month Nov. 3 during Chickasaw Nation Youth Heritage Day. The annual event was conducted at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Students, ages 10-14, traveled from Stratford, Colbert, Ravia, Terrell, Lindsay, Greenville and Madill to enjoy games and activities based on Chickasaw culture.

"Youth Heritage Day gives all Native American students an opportunity to have some fun while gaining hands-on knowledge about tribal culture," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "This event provides confirmation that our cultural center may play a vital role in helping young people embrace their heritage and pass it along to future generations."

Archery, stickball and blowgun demonstrations were given in the traditional village. Students also made their own traditional corn husk dolls and participated in a stomp dance.

Cody Smith, a fifth grader from Stratford, is a bow hunter and particularly enjoyed the archery demonstrations.

"It was cool to hear the story of why Chickasaws used bows and to see the differences between the bows they made and the ones I use to hunt," he said.

Cody's classmate TJ Clark learned a lot through the hands-on style of the event.

"It's better than just reading about Native Americans," he said. "We actually got to do it."

Chickasaw National Recreation Area Ranger Nancy Binderim presented water safety tips and the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police K9 Unit demonstrated the skills of canine officers Bako and Lana.

Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Instructor Matt Clark presented a martial arts lesson. In the amphitheater, Chickasaw storyteller Dixie Brewer shared traditional tales and gave the group a lesson on Chickasaw regalia.

Chickasaw elder and fluent speaker Stanley Smith gave the kids a language lesson.

Caden Schaufele, from Edmond's Holy Trinity Christian School, attended the event with his third grade class and said he enjoyed stickball the best out of all eight activities. "It was fun to play the game and learn about its history," Caden said.

The event was also an opportunity for many of the students and their sponsors to visit the Chickasaw Cultural Center for the first time.

Terrell School Superintendent Greg Fouse, a Chickasaw citizen, and his class left before sunup to get to the event. The small southwest Oklahoma school participates in the event every year. "It is important the students continue to know their culture and heritage," he said.

Linda Carter chaperoned a group of 35 Colbert sixth graders. She said it was her first visit to the Chickasaw Cultural Center and she said she wants to come back and explore the entire campus.

A hot dog lunch, provided by the Cultural Center's Aaimpa Café, concluded the event.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

A group of students from Stratford begin a game of stickball at the Chickasaw Nation Youth Heritage Day.

Mike McKee

Welcoming new ECU President

Gov. Bill Anoatubby brings greetings on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation during the East Central University Inauguration of new university president John Hargrave, Nov. 19. Gov. Anoatubby, an ECU Distinguished Alumnus, spoke about the Chickasaw Nation's 101-year relationship with the Ada university and the importance of the two organizations working together for continued student success.

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The tribal Programs and Services Directories contain information about all Chickasaw Nation programs and services. Inside the directories you will find program descriptions, important phone numbers and contact information, office locations and hours of operation, as well as program requirements.

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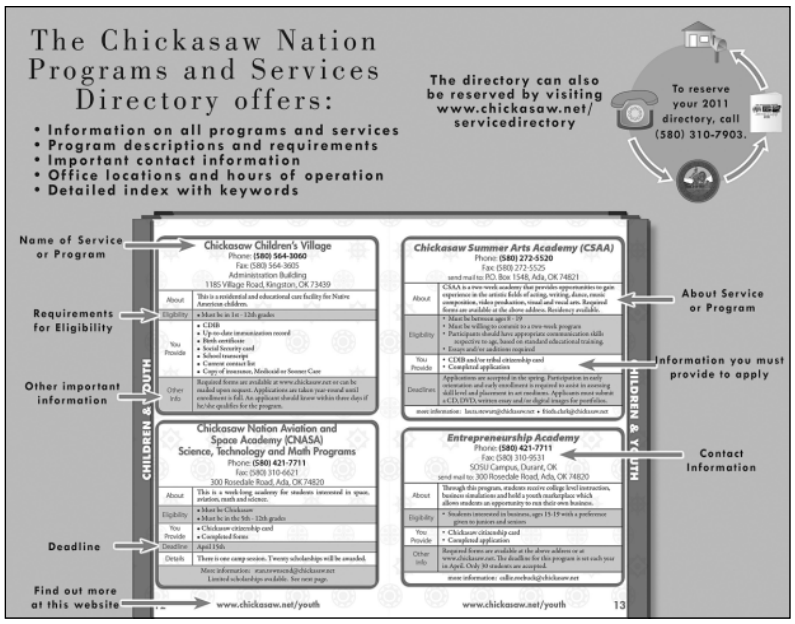
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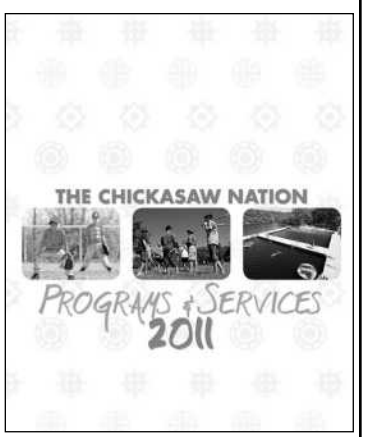


Leadership students inspired by Oklahoma State University tour

Members of the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program at the World Famous Eskimo Joe's in Stillwater, Okla., during a visit to Oklahoma State University during a recent class session. The group was treated to a behind-the-scenes look at the OSU campus and lunch at Eskimo Joe's. A visit to the Oklahoma Territorial Museum in Guthrie completed the day.

STILLWATER, Okla. - Almost two dozen Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program members were inspired to study harder as they toured one of the state's largest universities last month.

The Chickasaw students, ages 14-18, toured Oklahoma State University Thursday, Oct. 21.

Students received an inside peak at campus amenities, including the wellness center, student union, library and Boone Pickens Stadium.

Along the way, they received information about student life.

For most, it was their first trip the OSU campus.

"It makes me want to study a little harder so I can get into college," Wilson High School student Dylan Asbery said during the tour.

"The tour has definitely changed where I want to go to college," Latta High School freshman Shelby Parnacher said. "I was going to Texas."

The trip took place during OSU Homecoming Week, one of the largest homecoming celebrations in America.

Students were able to view homecoming decorations, including the orange fountain, in front of Edmond Low library.

Lunch at Eskimo Joe's, a Stillwater landmark, and an early-morning visit to the Oklahoma Territorial Museum in Guthrie completed the day.

Lessons on Oklahoma territory history were presented at the museum.

The tour is part of the group's Leadership Curriculum, to introduce and motivate the students to set goals for higher education and success, said Ashlee White, program coordinator.

During the past two years, the group has visited three other college campuses; Georgetown, Columbia, the University of Oklahoma.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program…

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program members meet monthly and cover a wide variety of topics including leadership, small business, and ethics and etiquette.

Beginning in September, the group meets one Saturday a month for 12 months. Lunch is provided.

Cultural aspects including Chickasaw language, Chickasaw history and the different creative crafts that Chickasaw people have developed over the years are also studied.

Included on the itinerary are tours of the Oklahoma State Capitol and visits with state officials and trips to other tribal headquarters.

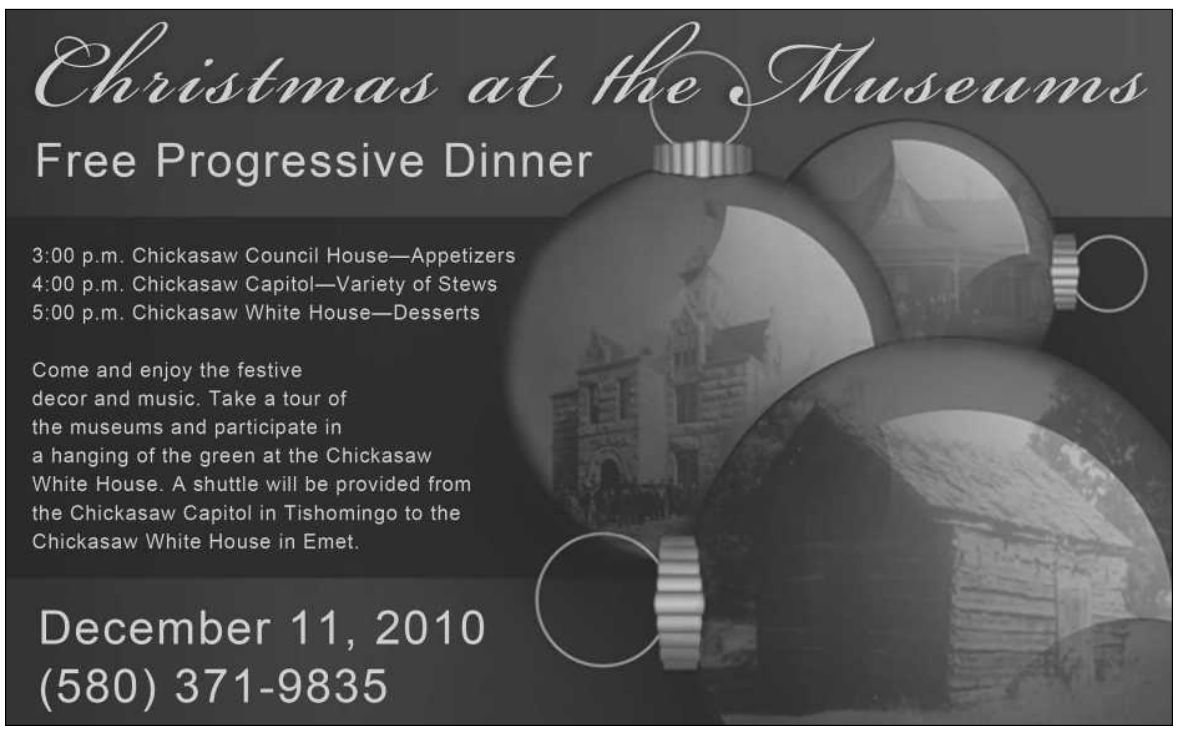
A final out-of-state tour is planned for the end of the session.

Students will also have a class project which will involve community service and/or a fund raiser.

Applications are accepted year-round.

For more information about the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Ms. Ashlee White, youth leadership coordinator, at (580) 310-6620.

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program members Taylor Alexander and Shelby Parnacher check out Boone Pickens Stadium during a tour of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, last month.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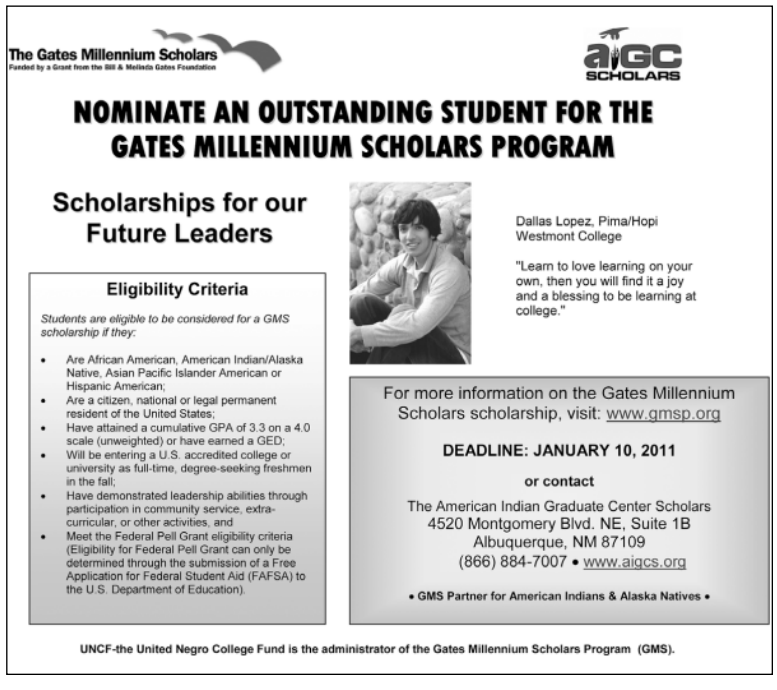
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If you missed this year, plan to attend Festival in 2011!

It is hard to believe that the last month of 2010 is here! Thanksgiving went by in a blur. In last month's article, I mentioned Mrs. Sullivan's talent for making yeast rolls and my desire to learn how. Well, I did return to visit her and it felt like home economics class back in 8th grade! So for Thanksgiving this year I provided homemade yeast rolls. Now, if I can just learn how to prepare the turkey…..

For the Oath of Office ceremony this year, I decided to wear a traditional dress. In addition to the dress, I was blessed with a beaded collar, finger woven belt, and handmade beaded moccasins. Thank you to all the craftsmen/friends who blessed me with these wonderful items. It was an honor to be in traditional dress and made me feel closer to those who have gone before me. To see pictures of my traditional dress go to my facebook site: Chickasaw Beth or Beth Alexander.

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As you saw in the last edition of *the Chickasaw Times*, the annual Festival was full of fun and excitement. For the parade this year, Katie Case and I had a mystery driver, my husband, Rick Alexander! He did a great job. We had fun waving to the crowds that lined the main street in Tishomingo. Most of the afternoon was spent up by the Capitol grounds, visiting with citizens and looking at the craftsmen at work. Mr. Tim Harjo blessed me with a flute and even provided a lesson too. Many hours of practice will be necessary before I am ready to do a public performance! If you have never had the chance to attend the annual festival or take a tour of some of our tribal landmarks, let me encourage you to do so.

Merry Christmas, see you next year!

And the Word (*Aba'Binni'li') became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John1:14

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We are working hard to expand diabetes funds

The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee met on October 28-29 with Indian Health Service Director Dr. Yvette Roubideaux to discuss the reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. It has been and continues to be a top priority for me to play a role in the consultative process with the Indian Health Service to ensure that dialogue occurs related to the decision making process on diabetes treatment and prevention efforts. It remains imperative that we, as a committee of Native Americans, make our voices heard through this concerted effort; therefore, with funding for the program expiring in fiscal year 2011, the committee is working diligently to ensure that funding remains viable through multi-year grants.

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

During the recent two-day TLDC meeting, the process of strategic plan development began, which is inclusive of the future plans for the committee and its continued viability.

The Committee also coordinated with Dr. Roubideaux regarding the consultation process and the importance of government-to-government relationships in the distribution of Special Diabetes Program for Indians Fund. The committee needs to work directly with the IHS Director to develop strategies for distributing additional SDPI dollars in a timely manner if they are made available.

The next quarterly meeting will be in Washington as a strategic move to place Committee members with members of Congress.

The distribution of SDPI dollar as mentioned above reflects, "If they are made available," yet, we as tribal committee members want to change that verbiage to read, "when they are made available." Our successes have occurred as a tribal nation because of our tenacity and I want to thank each one of you for the privilege that I have to exercise this trait in securing the best diabetes healthcare available to us.

I would also like to wish each of you a wonderful Christmas Holiday and best wishes for the New Year and remind you to please pray for our fighting men and women who are away from their families right now.

They are the ones who are sacrificing the most so that we can enjoy our Holidays.

Connie Barker
Tribal Legislator, Pickens District

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,761	Pontotoc	11,477
Pickens	7,330	Tishomingo	5,139
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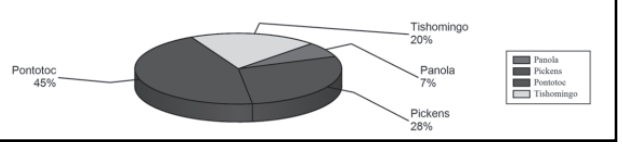

Save dollars by using tribal Prescription Mail Order

Hello Everyone,

These are anxious times. Daily, the national news is dominated by the housing crisis and sub sequential credit crunch that is creating a more and more beleaguered economy. The beleaguered economy is, in turn, leading to a dollar that is ever decreasing in value.

To you and me, this means we take a weaker dollar to the gas pump and the grocery store where we see prices ever-increasing at an alarming rate. Higher prices affect us all, especially those individuals on fixed incomes.

One way to meet today's financial challenges is to take full advantage of Chickasaw programs, thus leaving you more dollars to meet today's higher prices. One potentially beneficial and extremely impactful program is the Prescription Mail Order Program.

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

By utilizing the mail service to provide medications anywhere a Chickasaw lives, the Prescription Mail Order Program can potentially save Chickasaws significant portions of their monthly incomes. In some cases, decisions have to be made to forgo needed medications in order to be able to afford food, housing, transaction and other necessary expenses.

The dollars saved by having some or all of needed daily medications delivered to the door could directly impact the quality of life for some and could actually be the difference in surviving and not surviving for some Chickasaws.

Chickasaw citizens who are: less than 19 years old, age 65 or older on Medicare Part D, or Medicare disabled on Medicare Part D, or any age with private insurance drug coverage are eligible and may enroll. To enroll, call (580) 559-0794. For those calling long distance, call toll-free 1-888-512-5522 extension 81518.

Sandi Sanders is the director of this and other programs. For those of you who don't know Sandi, you are missing out. Sandi is as dedicated to serving the healthcare needs of Chickasaws as she is a blessing of a person! Sandi's email address is sandi.sanders@chickasaw.net and her phone number is (580) 421-4543.

Respectfully,
Katie Case

Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Youngster to adult, our focus is on education!

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone,

Wow! It's December already! I hope you and your family are able to enjoy all the events and traditions the holidays bring. We need to take time every day to make a memory with our children and grandchildren when we have the chance.

Our children grow up way too fast, and before we know it, we've lost opportunities to be an influence in their lives. We often say, "The children are our future," and we need to make sure that as a tribe we are giving them every opportunity to achieve and succeed in this highly technological world.

I am so impressed at what we are already doing through our Education Division from our Head Start through our Higher Ed programs, and every level in between. We have been able to introduce our very youngest children in the Head Start and Child Care programs to some of the latest in technology by providing the classes with computers and Smart Boards.

Our school age children are given opportunities to learn about Robotics through our Robotics Teams. This program just continues to expand as we are able to include more and more students each year.

Of course, our CNASA and Space Camp have been highly successful for several years now, allowing some of our brightest students, who have an interest in space education, to have unbelievable experiences.

Our Science, Math, and Technology Center will be completed soon and will provide a permanent location for the Robotics teams to meet, as well as providing a location for CNASA. Our Science, Math, and Technology Center will provide our students with opportunities to continue to learn and use the latest in technology to foster their growth in the Science and Math fields of study.

Technology has changed the world dramatically over the last several years, and the way we prepare and teach our children has to change if we want them to be successful in this changing world.

The Chickasaw Nation is leading the way. We already have in place many opportunities for our children to become technologically savvy. We should continue to explore other ways to provide educational opportunities for our children to make sure they are prepared to be the best they can be. After all, our children ARE our future.

Happy Holidays,
Nancy
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Chickasaw seniors keep things hopping

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. We have beautiful Fall weather as I write this, but we are looking forward to an Oklahoma Winter. The Almanac says that we should have a very cold Winter this year.

The Legislators were given a tour of Remington Park in November and we were blessed with seeing what a difference the Nation has made in not quite a year of ownership - we became the owners on January 1 of this year. The new waterfall and tables with umbrellas are nice additions. We were also privileged to watch the races after the reception and tour. The suites have all been furnished beautifully and are tastefully decorated.

I attended the Senior Halloween Party and had a lot of fun. I also attended the Senior Thanksgiving luncheon. All the Senior Sites brought bus loads of seniors. They set up booths and displayed lots of hand made merchandise for purchase. I am always amazed at what talents we seniors have! We all know what "Thanksgiving" means and our seniors are truly blessed!

In closing, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas with lots of family, friends and food. Let us all give thanks to our Mighty God for our Savior Jesus Christ. He is the reason for the season and we need to keep that first and foremost in our thoughts.

I also wish all of you a very Happy New Year. Let's all work together to make 2011 more productive than 2010, although that is a very tall order.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

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Elders anticipating new Ardmore senior site

SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Happy Fall! I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving, spent with friends and family. It was a pleasure to visit with many of you at the Thanksgiving luncheon in Ada.

I am happy to announce I am the new chair of the cultural and historical committee for the legislature. As the chair, I will work to keep you updated on any upcoming events or findings that you may be interested to know about, as they relate to cultural and/or historical happenings.

Many of you have visited the new Cultural Center in Sulphur. I encourage those of you who have not yet made it there to do so. You will not be disappointed! I frequently encounter non-Indians who have visited the center and they tell me how impressed they are with it and how much fun they had. Many have taken their grandchildren for an afternoon outing. We are so blessed to have such a great place to take our families so close to home. I am pleased to report that since its opening this summer, we have had over 20,000 visitors.

The time spent thinking about our history at the cultural center always leads me back to our elders. I recently visited the Ardmore Senior Site for their Thanksgiving lunch. What a pleasure it always is to visit with our elders, catch up on what they are doing and hear about their many activities. While we are blessed to have such great facilities for our seniors, I know the Ardmore elders are anxiously awaiting their new site. The legislature approved a resolution to build a new facility for Ardmore, but the date for groundbreaking has not been set at this point. As soon as a date is set, I will keep you all updated.

Many blessings for a healthy and happy Christmas season.

Shana Tate Hammond

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Top prize is trip to New York 'Pearl' premiere

Creative writing contest open to juniors, seniors

All Chickasaw high school juniors and seniors are invited to enter the Chickasaw Nation Creative Writing Contest. The purpose of the Chickasaw Nation Creative Writing Contest is to enable students to reflect upon the influences of women in their lives. In conjunction with the DVD release of "Pearl," a Chickasaw Nation feature film, this contest encourages students to honor the women who have been their role models, just as Pearl was a role model to so many.

At 12 years old, Pearl Carter Scott became the youngest licensed pilot in American aviation history. Raised in the late 1920's in Marlow, Oklahoma, Pearl's life drastically changed when she befriended world renowned pilot Wiley Post. This Chickasaw girl soon developed a deep love for flying as she rose above adversity, took on responsibility and, with the guidance of her father, held fast to her 'never give up' attitude.

Tell us about the encouraging woman that has shaped your life!

The Chickasaw Nation Creative Writing Contest is open to Junior and Senior Chickasaws. The essay contest winner will receive an all-expenses paid trip, for one student and one chaperone, to the Chickasaw Nation Premiere of "Pearl" through the Global Voices in Film Project at the United Nations in New York, NY on March 2-4, 2011. Contestants may enter by mailing their entry/cover page to Ms. Joy Barrick, The Chickasaw Nation Division of Communications, Media and Community Development, Post Office Box 1548, Ada, OK 74820. There is no cost to enter the contest. All entries must be postmarked by December 24, 2010.

Students must submit original work and each student may submit only one essay entry. Participants must write on the official topic question below:

1. How has your life been influenced by Native American women?

Each entry must include a completed cover page with the following information: Student's name, gender, DOB, age, current grade and school, home address, city, state, zip code, home phone, email and parent/guardian signature to ensure authenticity of work. A copy of the student's CDIB must also be included. Essays must fit within the following format guidelines:

Cover Sheet: Included with entry

Page/Word Limit: 500 words, not including title or citations

Font: Typed 12 pt. Times New Roman font

Spacing: Double-spaced

Margins: 1" margins

Format: MLA, numbered pages

The contest will be judged on: clarity of expression, depth of thought, quality of writing, organization, appropriateness to the topic, length, effective discussion of the topic, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the essay must be properly cited. Entries must be stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Judging of the entries will be performed by a panel of qualified judges. Winners will be notified by January 17, 2010.

CONTRIBUTED BY Kyle Wittman, Public Affairs

Chickasaw Christmas Celebrations set for Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, OKC

Chickasaw youth will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and participate in fun yuletide activities during annual Chickasaw Christmas Celebrations, set for several communities in the Chickasaw Nation. Children can take pictures with Santa, enjoy refreshments, gift bags and many more.

Oklahoma City Celebration

When: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 2

Where: Bricktown Ballpark, 2 S. Mickey Mantle Drive, Oklahoma City

Tishomingo Area Celebration

When: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 9

Where: Johnston County Fair Barn, Tishomingo

Ardmore Area Celebration

When: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14

Where: Ardmore Skateland, 1201 Veterans Boulevard, Ardmore

Ada Area Celebration

When: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16

Where: Lazer Zone Family Fun Center, 14601 County Road 3544, Ada

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

New 'turn-by-turn' online version of *the Chickasaw Times* now available

The current edition of *the Chickasaw Times* can now be viewed on www.ChickasawTimes.net in a new, electronic format. The new version features "turn-by-turn" pages and an easy-to-navigate toolbar at the top of each page. The toolbar offers many new features, including a convenient search tab, the ability to access archived editions and cut, paste and email options.

In addition, those accessing *the Chickasaw Times* using iPhones or iPads will be directed to a special mobile version created for these devices. Visit www.ChickasawTimes.net <http://www.ChickasawTimes.net> to view the new format of *the Chickasaw Times.*

Museum tour Dec. 11 at Capitol, Council House, White House

A tour of tribal historic sites and a sampling of foods will be included in "Christmas at the Museums," set for 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Chickasaw Capitol and Council House Museum, in Tishomingo, and the Chickasaw White House, in Emet.

The event is free and open to the public.

"We just wanted to take some time out to celebrate the season and let people know we're here," said Ann Fink, Council House museum curator.

The event begins at the Capitol, where a variety of stews will be served. Participants will then head to the Council House Museum where a shuttle will be available to transport patrons to the Chickasaw White House. There, the day will conclude with holiday music and a dessert.

For more information, contact the department of Museums and Historic Sites at (580) 371-9835.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Send a message to a soldier

KCNP-FM, the Chickasaw Nation's non-commercial community radio station is recording greetings from family members and friends to their loved ones serving in the military. Those interested in calling KCNP and recording an audio greeting may call 580-310-7901 and follow the instructions.

Callers are encouraged to provide the email address of their loved one so that a copy of their recorded message may be sent to them. KCNP will play the greetings between December 15 and December 31.

Chickasaw Outpost offers great selection of holiday gifts, plus easy online shopping!

If you are looking for great gift ideas for the holidays, you can now purchase items from the Chickasaw Outpost at www.ChickasawOutpost.com.

The Outpost offers a large selection of gifts and souvenirs thematically related to the Chickasaw Nation, including books, language study resources and "Pearl" and McSwain Theatre souvenirs. If you're looking for something truly unique, the Outpost has an assortment of Native arts and traditional Chickasaw crafts made by tribal artisans.

Whether you're interested in great gift ideas or the fascinating language and culture of the Chickasaw people, the Chickasaw Outpost has what you need.

Visit www.ChickasawOutpost.com today!

The Chickasaw Outpost is located in the McSwain Theatre at 130 West Main in Ada, Okla.

CONTRIBUTED BY Kyle Wittman, Public Affairs

ReUse Center Toy Drive

Help brighten the lives of many children this holiday season by donating used toys to the ReUse Center Toy Drive.

The Toy Drive runs through December 16.

The ReUse Center is free of charge and open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center accepts most reusable items except hazardous materials or items with possible safety concerns such as car seats, baby beds and mattresses.

For more information, visit the ReUse Center at 2205 North Broadway in Ada or call (580) 272-5451.

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Get active, learn, have fun!

Kids can shake, rattle and roll during tribe's After School program

Chickasaw Nation After School Program students for Fall 2010 include, seated from left, Anna Mae Palmer, Ke-Ke Factor, Jacob Wallace, Jarrett Ellis and Jayson Ellis. Back row, from left, Faithlyn Seawright, Roddrik Orphan, Jordan Willis, Jairus Smith and Kobe Burgess. Jaylee Willis is not pictured.

Chickasaw Nation After School Program participant Jordan Willis tries the Hula Hoop during the After School Program last month.

Offered twice a school year, the Chickasaw Nation After School program ranks high on Jordan Willis' favorite things to do.

Jordan, 10, and his sister Jaylee Willis, a first grader at Homer School, both participated in the six-week program, Nov. 1-Dec. 10.

The siblings say the program is the highlight of their school year.

"You get to go swimming and to Lazer Zone and much more. It is so awesome," said Jordan.

Jaylee, a first-timer, said she learned how to make nutritious snacks, like grilled cheese sandwiches.

Utilizing tribal facilities, the program creates opportunities for students to learn new skills and knowledge, exercise and develop healthy lifestyles.

School-aged Chickasaw students have an assigned activity each week day including nutrition lessons, swimming, fitness, martial arts, lessons on Chickasaw culture and language and Friday trips to Lazer Zone.

A total of 20 kids from around the Ada area took part in the program this fall.

The After School Program is free of charge and will be offered again in the spring. The hours are 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admittance is based on first-come, first-served basis for Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees' children.

For more information, contact Matt Folsom at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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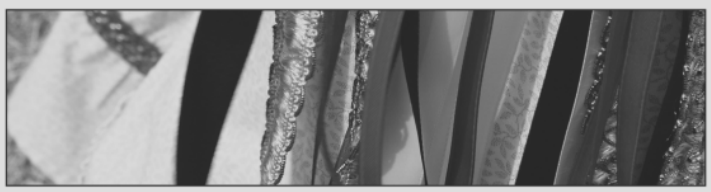

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Chickasaw Medal of Honor recipient honored by Military Hall of Fame

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The only Chickasaw to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor was inducted posthumously into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame in ceremonies conducted on Veterans Day, November 11.

Lt. Col. Raymond Harvey, who died in 1996, was inducted during an annual banquet at the Military Hall of Fame on the campus of Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond.

Lt. Col. Harvey's widow and daughters couldn't attend. The certificate of induction was accepted by Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, himself a highly decorated veteran of the Vietnam War. Lt. Gov. Keel told the gathering the certificate and a pencil drawing of Col. Harvey's likeness would be forwarded to tribal museums for display in a new exhibit.

Lt. Col. Harvey grew up in Sulphur, Okla., and graduated from Classen High School in Oklahoma City. He was the son of Frank Harvey and Fannie Thomas Harvey. His mother was born in Nebo, the Chickasaw Nation. She was the daughter of Folsom Thomas, apparently a full-blood Chickasaw from the Tishomingo area, and Liddy Thomas, a non-Indian woman.

Officials of the Military Hall of Fame learned of Lt. Col. Harvey's honor sometime after a feature article I wrote about his heroism in Korea appeared in a book published last year by Chickasaw Press. The Hall of Fame originated in 1999 and has inducted nearly 100 members.

This pencil rendering of the late Lt. Col. Raymond Harvey was presented to the tribe in addition to the certificate inducting him into the state's military hall of fame. The drawing is by Mac Crank of Mississippi.

Lt. Col. Harvey received the highest military honor of the United States in a 1951 White House ceremony. President Harry Truman called Medal of Honor recipients the "backbone of the government" because they "stand out for the welfare of this country, always." Then, remarkably, Truman said he "would much rather have the Congressional Medal of Honor than be President."

Lt. Col. Harvey received the Medal of Honor for valor displayed on March 9, 1951, as C Company attacked the well dug-in and armed North Koreans holding Hill 1232 overlooking the Korean city of Taemi-dong. The Chickasaw officer single-handedly attacked the first fortification, killing the entire crew. Then, advancing alone, he took out two other entrenchments before he was shot in the chest. Bleeding, he took out a fourth entrenchment with carbine fire and a hand grenade.

He was evacuated to a field hospital. Before undergoing surgery, he was presented a Silver Star for gallantry for heroic actions during the Inchon Landings in Korea five months earlier! Multiple witnesses documented his actions.

This was the second of two Silver Stars Lt. Col. Harvey received for his actions in Korea and in Europe during World War II. He also had been honored with the Distinguished Service Cross, second only to the Medal of Honor in importance, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts.

After receiving the Medal of Honor, the Army arranged a national tour for Harvey to help drum up support for the war. He received awards in numerous cities, including Los Angeles where the presenter was Ronald Reagan. Still in the Army, Lt. Col. Harvey signed on as technical advisor to Twentieth Century Fox.

After his discharge, Lt. Col. Harvey was an investment banker. He then served as director of Indian Affairs for Arizona emergency services before a stroke forced his retirement at 61. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in 1996.

--John Greiner contributed to this article.

The article on Lt. Col. Harvey is included in "Chickasaw Lives, Volume Two: Profiles and Oral Histories."

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Chickasaw Foundation honors donors, hosts reception and auction

Several donors and volunteers of the Chickasaw Foundation were honored at the Friends of the Foundation reception Nov. 19.

The event took place at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada, Okla., and featured a silent auction of Native American art work. Proceeds from the auction fund a fine arts scholarship, given each year to a student pursuing a career in the fine arts.

During the reception, the Johnna Walker, Foundation director, announced this year's Chickasaw Foundation honorees.

Cindy Sperry received the Philanthropist of the Year for establishing the Mitch Sperry Memorial Law Scholarship. Rob Sperry, father of Mitch Sperry, Chickasaw Legislator and the Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Clubs were also recognized in conjunction with this scholarship.

Angela Portwood received the Volunteer of the Year award and Craig Miller received the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan Donor of the Year.

Lisa Wallace received special recognition for her accounting services and Murray State College was honored for its partnership with the Foundation.

"Education has always been a priority of the Chickasaw Nation," said Kennedy Brown, chairman of the Foundation board of trustees. "We appreciate our donors for helping us fulfill not only the Foundation's mission, but the tribe's mission as well."

This year, the Foundation granted nearly 60 scholarships.

The Chickasaw Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 1971 to help promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people. For more information, contact the Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Language Club to meet Dec. 11 in Ada

"My Town, An Aachompa" is the theme for the December meeting of the Chickasaw Nation Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) language club.

The meeting will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Central Church of Christ, 820 Stadium Drive in Ada.

Participants will learn Chickasaw words associated with their town.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli meetings focus on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life.

One Saturday each month the club meets to learn Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

Club meetings are open to all children ages three to 12 who are interested in learning the Chickasaw language.

To join the language club or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator at (580) 436-2603.

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A Halloween Party

Gov. Anoatubby at the annual Halloween Party with Malikhi Chapman (Lil Gov), Braylynn Osborne (hidden ghost) and Tashina Chapman (mamma).

New fiscal year begins with strong commercial revenues

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending October 31, 2010

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $12.6 million for the month and year-to-date. Expenditures were $6.1 million for the month and year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for October totaled $78.6 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $25.5 million for the month and year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $7.2 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At October 31, 2010, the tribal government funds had $120.3 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $18.3 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $186 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of October 31, 2010, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.115 billion compared to $1.079 billion at September 30, 2010 or an increase of $36 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the One Month Ended October 31, 2010

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	341,245	78,642,779	78,984,024
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		12,303,916	(12,303,916)	-
Total funds available		12,645,161	66,338,863	78,984,024
Expenditures				
General government		793,989		793,989
Legislature		129,870		129,870
Judiciary		62,340		62,340
Education		770,689		770,689
Heritage Preservation		728,653		728,653
Health		1,038,174		1,038,174
Youth and Family Services		1,121,759		1,121,759
Nutrition Programs		322,696		322,696
Regulatory		579,973		579,973
Assistance Programs		581,399		581,399
Gaming expense			42,384,686	42,384,686
Other businesses' expense			16,675,958	16,675,958
Total expenditures		6,129,543	59,060,644	65,190,186
Increase in net assets		6,515,619	7,278,219	13,793,838
Beginning net assets		521,005,048	580,945,883	1,101,950,931
Ending net assets	$	527,520,667	588,224,101	1,115,744,768

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
October 31, 2010

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	120,311,661	186,928,641	307,240,302
Receivables		40,705,601	45,747,974	86,453,575
Inventory			5,055,204	5,055,204
Prepaid expenses			14,881,467	14,881,467
Other Assets			23,170,072	23,170,072
Fixed assets		366,829,954	493,058,227	859,888,181
Less payables		(326,549)	(180,617,484)	(180,944,033)
Net Assets	$	527,520,667	588,224,101	1,115,744,768

BIRTHDAYS

Charlie L. (Bill) Harkins

Charlie L. (Bill) Harkins, of Tishomingo, Okla., was honored with a 100th come and go birthday party Dec. 5, at the First Baptist Church of Tishomingo Family Center.

Mr. Harkins was born Dec. 23, 1910 to Charlie and Lucy (Harris) Harkins at Emet, Okla.

He married Edith (Derrick) Harkins and they lived in the Milburn (OK), Fillmore (OK) area until 1944. They moved to Borger, Texas in 1944 to work at the Phillips Carbon Black Plant, where they lived until his retirement in 1975. They moved to Tishomingo in 1977.

In 1987 he married Evelyn Trammel (now deceased) after his first wife, Edith's death.

He is the grandson of Governor Robert E. Harris, cousin of Governor Douglas Johnston and cousin of Te Atta, Bearer of Morning.

Mr. Harkins is the father of two children, Douglas, (deceased at age 5) and a daughter, Sue Sanders. He has three grandchildren, Mike Sanders, Greg Sanders and Donna Wildman; seven great-grandchildren, Jesse, Gage, Brook, Savanna, Dillon, Morgan and Jason.

A second party will be hosted at the Blanchard Public Library, Blanchard, Okla., Dec. 19, 2010 from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to come help celebrate and to wish Mr. Harkins much health and happiness. No gifts please, just cards and well wishes.

Birthday cards may be mailed to 303 W. 8th, Tishomingo, OK 73460 or 863 County Street 2983, Blanchard, OK 73010.

For more information call Sue Sanders at (580) 387-2731 or (405) 919-2247.

KiMora Barber

KiMora Barber celebrated her fifth birthday Dec. 1, 2010.

KiMora is the daughter of Tyson and Jermaine Barber.

She is the granddaughter of Shirley Kelly.

She enjoys coloring, drawing, playing soccer and basketball and watching Dora the Explorer. She also enjoys trying to play video games against her big brother, DaRayvion and dolls with her big sister, Idacia.

Rose McGuire

Rose McGuire celebrated her 18th birthday Nov. 13, 2010.

She is the daughter of Mark and Wanda McGuire, of Benton, Ark., and the sister to Ben, of Fayetteville, Ark.

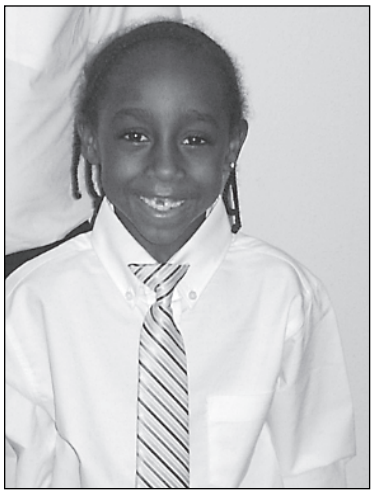
She is the granddaughter of Rosie Postoak, of Allen, Okla., great-granddaughter of Pauline Walker, of Ada, Okla., John Patrick McGuire, of Oklahoma City, and Jeanette McGuire, of San Diego.

She has a large family of many aunts (Brenda, Brandy and Gwen) and uncles (Eddie and Tim), cousins, great-aunts and great-uncles.

Happy '18' Rose!

We love you very much,

Dad, Mom and Benjamin



Majavion Washington

Majavion Washington will celebrate his seventh birthday Dec. 14, 2010.

He is the son of Mary Johnson and the grandson of Shirley Kelly.

Majavion enjoys playing basketball, riding his bike, dancing and trying to rap. He loves annoying his big sister Ja'Nashia.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times.*

Christmas Benefit Dec. 11 at OKC Community College

OKLAHOMA CITY - Want a great way to help an Indian child this Christmas season?

Come join the festivities at the Fourth Annual Christmas Benefit, Saturday, Dec. 11 on the campus of Oklahoma City Community College. All you have to bring is a new toy or article of clothing for a child up to 17 years old. All toys and clothes will distributed to area Indian children.

The Benefit will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bruce Owen Theater. Parking will be available in Lot D. OCCC is located at 7777 South May Avenue in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa J. Billy, a Chickasaw, will act as event emcee.

Performances will be by Native Praise, Albert Gray Eagle, and comedy by Chance Rush Tonemah. And remember to have your picture taken with Santa Claus!

For more information, contact Loren Tonemah at tonemahmusic@yahoo.com or call (405) 735-7078.

BIRTHS

Amberlee Hope Self

First time parents, Taylor Batey and Christopher Self are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, **Amberlee Hope Self**.

Amberlee was born August 19, 2010 at Midland, Texas. She weighed 7 lbs., and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

Proud grandparents are Penney and David Self and Tiana Daniel, all of Midland.

She is the great-granddaughter of Merle and Sylvia Daniel, of Midland.

Kacyn Shae Irvin

Kacyn Shae Irvin was born November 11, 2010 at Valley View Regional Hospital, Ada, Okla. He weighed 7 lbs., and measured 18 inches at birth.

He is the son of Derek Irvin and Ahley Garrett.

He is the grandson of Sue Pfaff, Linda Smith, Shellie Irvin, Kimberly Garrett, Danny Irvin and Paul Garrett.

Proud uncles are, Blake, Geoff and Trey Irvin, Zackery Garrett, Shane, J.D., and Jack Larson and Johnny Higdon.

Proud aunts are, Chealsea and Sara Garrett, Dawn Chandler and Shelly Higdon.

Stingers

Pictured from left are coach Todd Morgan, Sha Ingram, coach Darrin Ingram, Alyx Ingram and Michelle (Ingram) Hamilton, of the Stingers women's fastpitch softball team. The Stingers took second in the Chickasaw Festival women's fastpitch softball tournament. The Ingram family is descended from James Ingram, original enrollee Lena McCurtain Farve and James Cotton McCurtain. All enjoy playing softball together.

WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Allison

Wilson, Allison exchange vows in Texas

Sarah Linell Wilson and James Chad Allison were united in marriage during a June 12 ceremony at the Inn of Salado, Salado, Texas. Officiating the outdoor ceremony was Pastor Jeremy Walloch.

The bride is the daughter of John and Barbara Wilson, of Round Rock, Texas.

She is the granddaughter of Hershel and Lillie Doyle, of Giddings, Texas and the late Woodrow and Reynell Wilson, of Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Allison is a graduate of Texas Lutheran University and Texas State University.

She is currently employed as an editor at Voyager Learning in Dallas.

The groom, a Chickasaw, is the son of Don and Beth Allison, of Ada, Okla., and Matt and Monnie Cooper, of Allen, Okla.

He is the grandson of Mrs. Lillian Allison and Mrs. Lois Rhynes, of Ada, and the late Perry Allison and James "Red" Rhynes, of Ada.

Mr. Allison is a graduate of East Central University, Ada, with a degree in communications and served in the U.S. Army National Guard.

He is currently employed as the marketing director for Industrial Networking Solutions, Dallas.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Brittany Wilson, sister of the bride, was Maid of Honor and Jessica Geisbauer, friend of the bride, was bridesmaid. Daryn Allison, niece of the groom, was flower girl.

Heath Allison, brother of the groom, was the Best Man and Richie Miller, friend of the groom, was groomsman.

Serving as users were Anthony Mannering, Richard Wilson and Robert Wilson, brothers of the bride and Tristan Allison, nephew of the groom.

A reception was hosted at the Inn of Salado with music provided by Rhythm Congress.

Following a honeymoon in California the couple will reside in Dallas.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Kaelan Hutchings

Deer Creek freshman achieving in academics

Kaelan Lane Hutchings, a Chickasaw freshman at Deer Creek (OK) High School in Edmond, has recently been recognized for his mathematics knowledge.

Kaelan scored in the "advanced" performance level in mathematics on the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests.

Kaelan is the son of Kevin and Terri Hutchings, of Edmond, and Heidi Lamle, of Lawton, Okla.

He is the grandson of Evelyn Hutchings, of Norman, Okla., Terry and Jeanie Hutchings, of Calera, Okla., and the late Harold and Geneva Lamle, of Lawton.

He is the great-nephew of Robert Holden, of Washington, D.C., and Marilyn and Terry Hofstra, of Arcata, Calif.

Kaelan is 1/8 Chickasaw and 1/8 Choctaw.

Alexis Lewis

Alexis Lewis selected for All-Conference team

A Chickasaw ballplayer finished her season as the leading hitter on her high school team.

Alexis Lewis, a sophomore at Lone Grove (OK) High School, led the Lady Horns with a .373 batting average. She also had 25 doubles and nine RBIs. Alexis was selected for the All-Conference team.

Alexis is the daughter of Coby and Jaime Lewis and the granddaughter of Christine Lewis and Mary Thomas.

Congratulations on a great year, and best wishes for the new season!

Darcy Odom

Darcy Odom is top New Mexico midfielder

A Chickasaw soccer player has competed on a state championship team for the third consecutive year.

Darcy Odom, a senior center midfielder at Albuquerque (NM) Academy, was named to the Class 4A All-State and All-District teams for the second consecutive year.

Albuquerque Academy finished this season with a 21-2 record, and the state championship.

Darcy has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while at Academy.

She is the daughter of Chloe Shi Moore Odom and Dennis Odom.

Cameron Carrillo

Cameron Carrillo is 'Terrapin of the Day'

A Chickasaw elementary student has recently been recognized for her positive interaction with others.

Cameron Reese Carrillo was named "Terrapin of the Day" at Armand Bayou Elementary School, Houston. She was recognized on Oct. 24.

Cameron was honored for showing respect toward her teachers and others, and for acting with good citizenship. Cameron is always considerate of others and lives by the Golden Rule.

Cameron is also a very good artist who has received several awards for her artwork. She would like to be an artist when she grows up.

Cameron is the daughter of Lupe and Valerie Carrillo, of Houston. She is the granddaughter of Lupe and Jan Carrillo, of Ardmore, Okla.

We are proud of you, our precious daughter!

Laura Chesnut

Chickasaw student presents top project

A Chickasaw science student has been recognized for her outstanding science project, including an appearance at the White House Science Fair.

Laura Chesnut, a senior at Miami (OK) High School, took grand prize at the Native American Science and Engineering Fair in Albuquerque in March. Her project was on the effects of lead and heavy metals on protein synthesis.

Laura has also won awards at regional and state science fairs. She received the outstanding biochemistry project recognition from Yale University.

Her performance qualified her to attend the Intel International Science Fair in San Jose, Calif., where she met science students from around the world. Most recently she participated in the White House Science Fair in Washington.

Laura is the daughter of Chuck and Shirley Chesnut, of Miami. She is the granddaughter of Shirley Love Murphy and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Frank Criner Love.

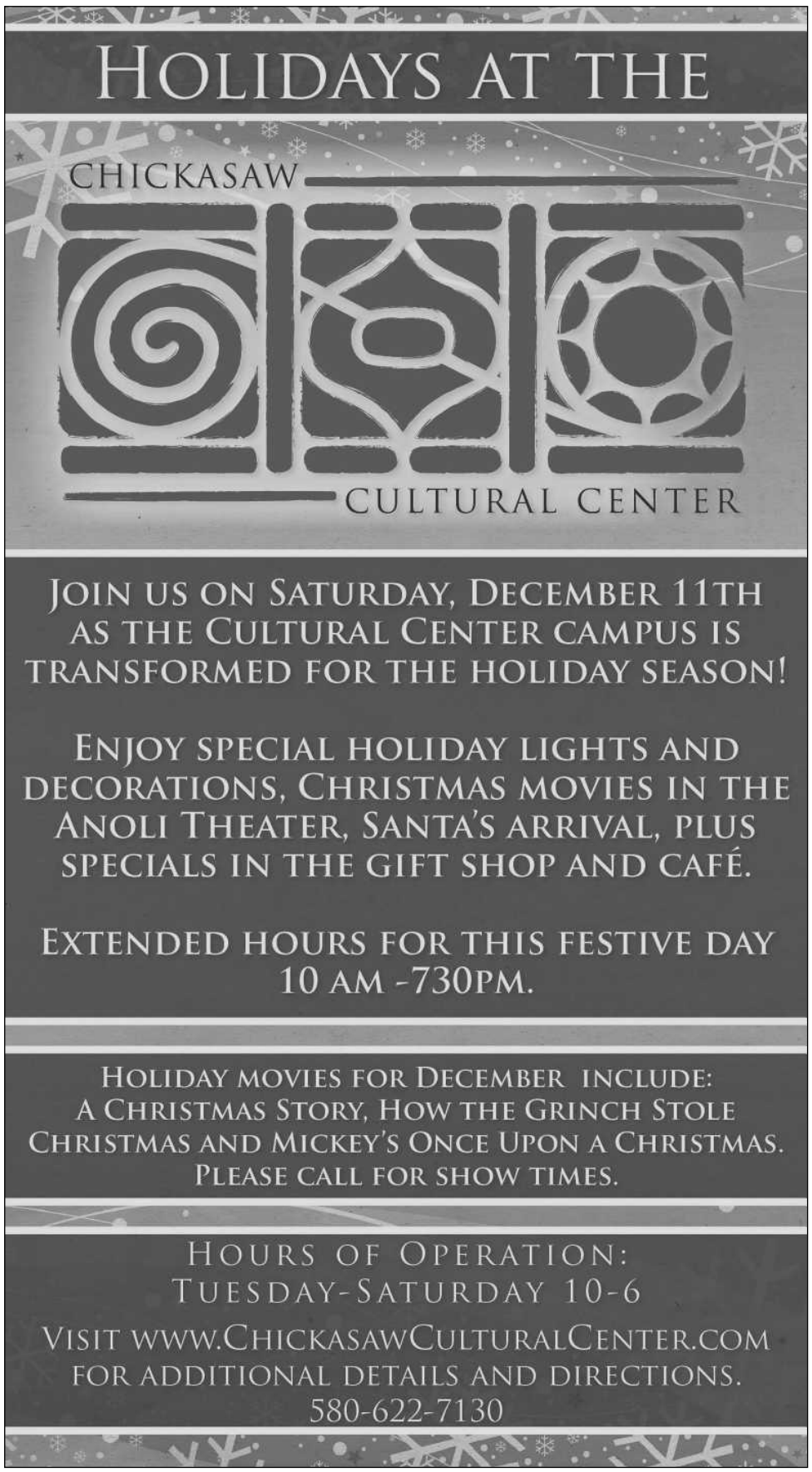
Elders' Thanksgiving Meal, November 19, Pontotoc County Agriplex, Ada

Fred and Jerry Underwood visit before the Thanksgiving Meal is served.

Pauls Valley senior center members Bob and Mary Lou Nichols with Ada site member Beaulah Shavney.

Chickasaw Princess Sesiley Robertson serves lunch to Edith Larman, of Oklahoma City.

Members of the Purcell senior Center performed a "Hee Haw" parody as elders arrived.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Chepota Himmita (Healthy Families) gather for trick-or-treat

Haley Price and her baby Mia at the fifth annual Chepota Himmita (Healthy Families) Trick or Treat event, conducted at the tribal Youth and Family building last month.

Ghosts, goblins and superheroes were spotted in the halls of the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services building during the fifth annual Chepota Himmita (Healthy Families) Trick or Treat event.

Along with their parents, more than 50 children received candy by the handful from Youth and Family Service staff during the Oct. 26 event.

The annual trick-or-treat event gives the small children a fun, safe and not-so-scary place to enjoy the holiday; and it gives families who participate in the voluntary program a chance to mingle, said Ginger Dunn, program supervisor.

The Chepota Himmita program provides a community-based support group for Native American families. The free program provides opportunities to learn about child health and development, parenting skills and nutrition.

Educational home visits are also provided.

For more information about the Chepota Himmita program, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services Division at (580) 272-5550.

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M. Cochise Anderson

Chickasaw playwright to present special show at Pillsbury House Theatre in Minneapolis

A Chickasaw playwright is presenting a special show in Minneapolis this month.

M. Cochise Anderson's play "Methods of Mass Deception" will be presented Dec. 8 through Dec. 11 at Pillsbury House Theatre in Minneapolis. The play is funded by the Jerome Foundation.

"Methods" utilizes word and movement to chart the course of the USS Illusion as it travels upon the Trail of Tears. The presentation also includes experimental soundscapes, masks and satire to shine light on America's historical affliction of entitlement.

Mr. Anderson is an artist, poet, playwright, traditional musician and professional actor. He has performed at the National Museum of the American Indian, the Lincoln Center Outdoors Series and the Open House Arts Festival at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

For tickets to "Methods" contact the Pillsbury House Theatre at (612) 825-0459.

Sheila Lashley named 'Counselor of the Year' by school organization

Sheila Lashley

A Chickasaw school counselor has recently been named "Counselor of the Year" by her professional organization.

Sheila Lashley received the honor from the Texas School Counseling Association. Mrs. Lashley is a counselor at Lily B. Clayton Elementary School, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Lashley has been responsible for the design and implementation of "Kids Making News," a program in which students write, edit and report stories on video. The news is shared with Clayton students and parents.

She also facilitates Love and Logic parenting workshops for Clayton parents. She serves on several Fort Worth Independent School District committees and serves as a Trainer of Trainers.

Mrs. Lashley is the daughter of Sara Duke and W.K. Duke, and the granddaughter of Mabel Norris.

Her great-grandmother was original enrollee Lula Taylor.

Pauls Valley event raises $5,200 for OU Cancer Institute

PAULS VALLEY, Okla. – Over $5,200 was raised for cancer research recently thanks to a barbecue lunch and country dance at the Bosa Community in Pauls Valley.

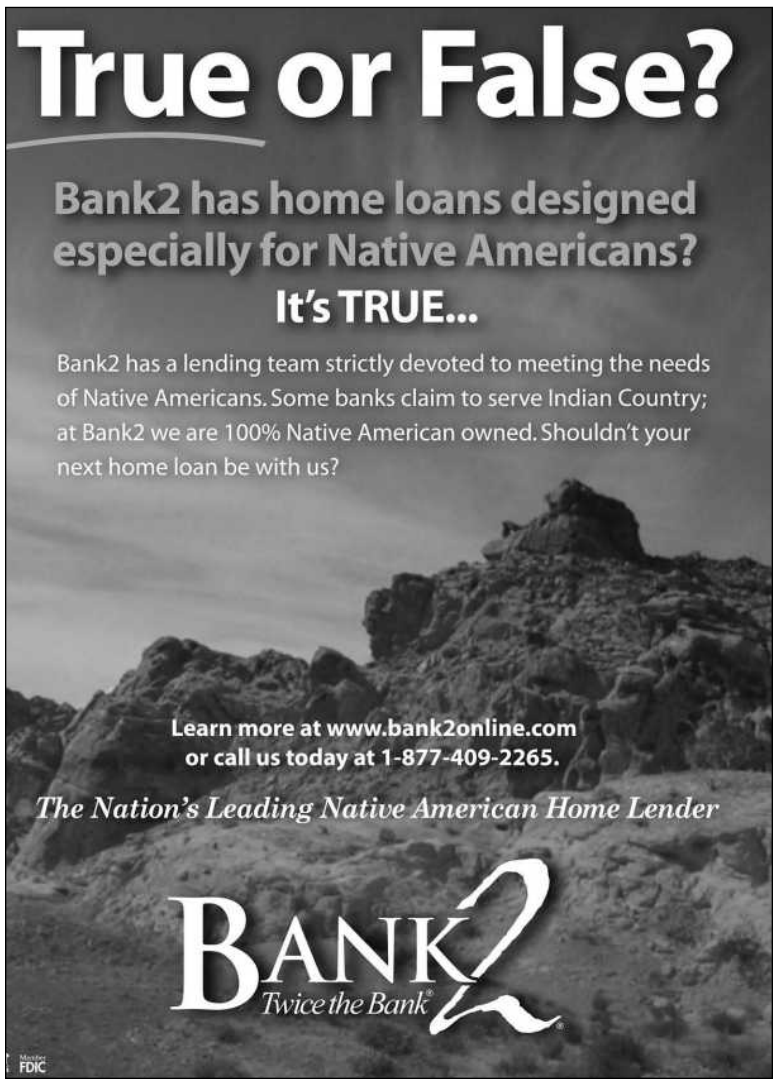
Organizer Freda Ozbirn estimated more than 200 people attended the event.

"We had such a great time for such a great cause," Mrs. Ozbirn said.

Mrs. Ozbirn, a Chickasaw, serves on the OU Cancer Institute Board of Advocates. The $5,200 was presented to the OU Cancer Institute following the Nov. 7 event.

In addition to the lunch and dance, a silent auction and raffle featuring a new saddle handcrafted by noted saddle maker Billy Cook raised over $2,000.

"As we work to reduce the burden of cancer in Oklahoma, it is encouraging to be supported by events like this," OU Cancer Institute director Robert Manuel, M.D., said. "These funds will help us fulfill our statewide mission to provide the best cancer care possible in an environment of research and education."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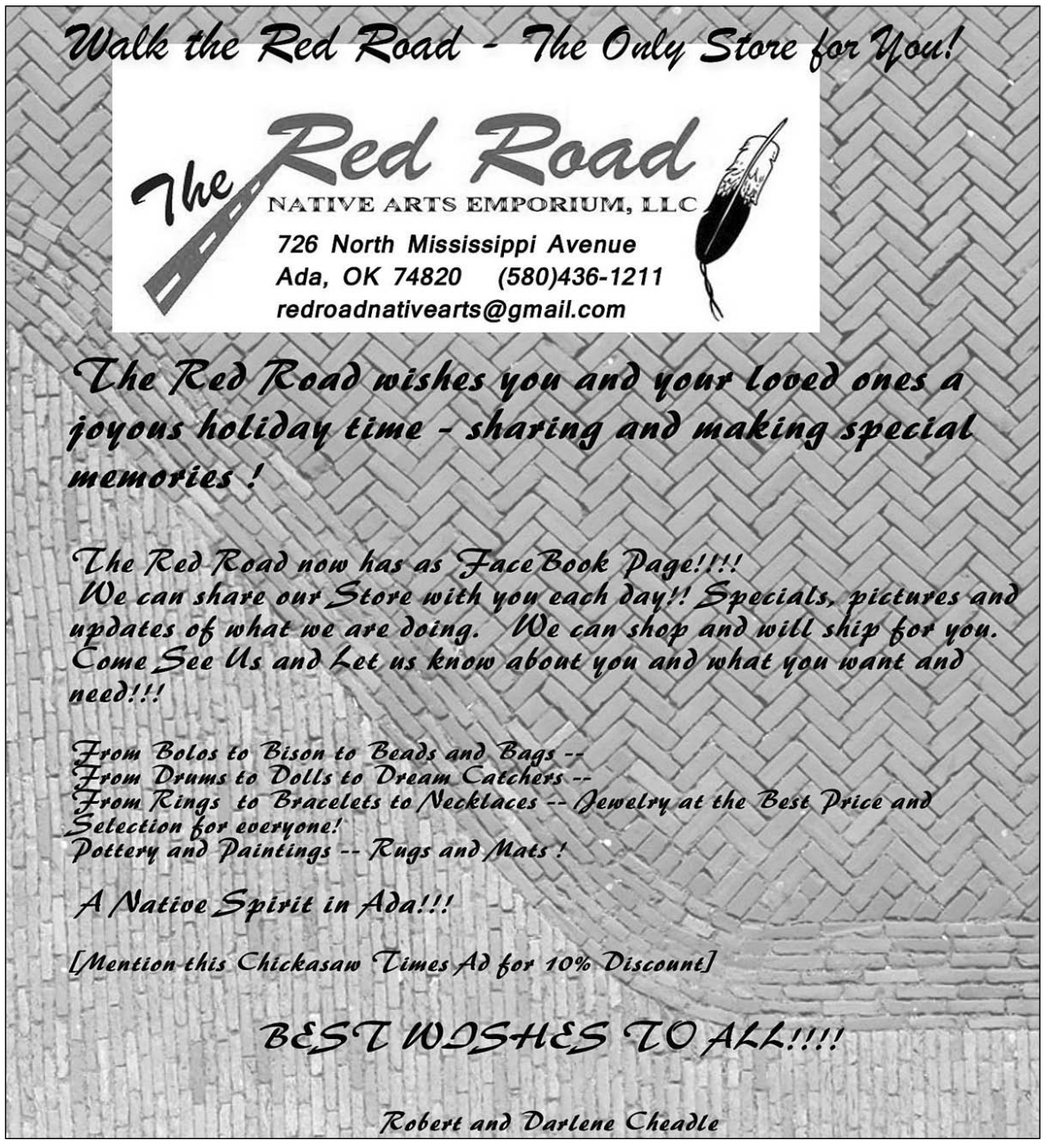
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August 2010 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Lexi Sanchez

Lexi, daughter of Crystal Teal, of Roff, Okla., is an October 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.

Lexi Sanchez

Lexi is a freshman at Roff High School and was nominated by English teacher Judy Campbell.

"Lexi is a hard worker and strives to do her best," said Ms. Campbell.

Lexi enjoys reading and cheerleading.

"When I grow up I want to be a social worker," said Lexi.

Shawn Moor

Shawn, son of Trisha Williams, of Roff, Okla., is an October 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.

Shawn Moor

Shawn is in the second grade at Roff Elementary and was nominated by second grade teacher Lana Simon.

"Shawn works hard to achieve our classroom goals," said Ms. Simon.

Shawn's hobbies are riding four wheelers and working with his grandfather.

"My future plans are to become a mechanic and a roughneck," said Shawn.

Cameron Johnson

Cameron, son of Janice Munoz, of Ada, Okla., is an October 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Tribal Language.

Cameron Johnson

Cameron is in the fifth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

"Cameron is trusted by his peers and he has a great attitude which is much appreciated," said Ms. Delfrate. "I think Cameron is the type of student you can be proud to have in any class."

Cameron placed third at the 2010 University of Oklahoma Language Fair in the group singing category.

Cameron's hobbies include playing with friends, spending time with family and playing football.

"At school I participate in basketball, vocal music and I am a member of Byng Native Voices Club," said Cameron.

Aaron Newberry

Aaron, son of Tiffany Newberry, of Ardmore, Okla., is an October 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Leadership.

Aaron Newberry

Aaron is in the fifth grade at Charles Evans Elementary School and was nominated by fifth grade teacher Melanie Miller.

"Aaron is a great leader and he is a very intelligent child," said Ms. Miller. "Aaron deserves to be selected for the Chickasaw Honor Club award for his outstanding achievement intellectually and socially."

Aaron has been on the Superintendent's Honor Roll for four consecutive years. He has also won several awards including citizenship, Student of the Month and an award from Kiwanis Club.

Aaron participates in the Mt. Olive Baptist Church youth choir and the mime team, Ardmore youth tackle football league and the basketball team.

Aaron's hobbies include watching University of Oklahoma football and playing video games.

"My future plan is to play football at the University of Oklahoma and one day play in the NFL," said Aaron.

Zach Coplen

Zach, son of Rhonda Sellers and Kevin Coplen, of Ada, Okla., is an October 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Zach Coplen

Zach is a sophomore at Latta High School and was nominated by physical science teacher Jim Foster.

"Zach has been my student this semester in physical science and has shown excellent qualities," said Mr. Foster. "He is pleasant in class and courteous."

Zach has attended Latta schools since the first grade and has received several awards including perfect attendance and the As and Bs Because I Try award for all As.

Zach's hobbies include riding and racing dirt bikes.

"My future plans are to graduate from Latta High School and go to the Pontotoc Technology Center to become a mechanic," said Zach.

Paige Gillum

Paige, daughter of Brooke Gillum and Tildon Gillum, of Ada, Okla., is an October 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.

Paige Gillum

Paige is in fourth grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by fourth grade teacher Carla Husband.

"Paige is a wonderful representative of Chickasaw youth today," said Ms. Husband. "She understands the more she learns, the more successful she will be in life."

Paige enjoys playing basketball with her mom and sister.

Paige's favorite subjects in school are science and social studies and she loves to color.

"My future plans are to marry a good guy," said Paige.

Ian Chaffin

Ian, son of Richard and Gina Chaffin, of Elk Grove, Calif., is an October 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Speech.

Ian Chaffin

Ian is a senior at Stanford Online High School and was nominated by assistant speech and debate coach Nancy Putnam.

"Ian is a natural-born leader who is well respected by all," said Ms. Putnam. "He is encouraging and supportive of others and he stands out among his peers."

Since seventh grade Ian has participated in speech and debate competitions. He has recently placed in the semi-final round in impromptu speaking and quarter-finals in duo interpretation at the 2010 national tournament.

Ian serves his church by leading worship for the junior high and high school groups.

Ian is proud of his Chickasaw heritage and had the opportunity to take part in the Dartmouth Bound Native American Fly-In program to Dartmouth College. He was one of 49 Native American students chosen.

"I plan to attend a University and major in engineering or applied math," said Ian. "I hope to give back to my heritage since I have been graciously given so much."

Sarah Jones

Sarah, daughter of Elaine and Daniel Jones, of Ada, Okla., is an October 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Athletics.

Sarah Jones

Sarah is a senior at Byng High School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

"Sarah is a very hard working young lady and is serious about her education," said Ms. Delfrate. "She sets very high standards for herself and her team and is willing to do whatever it takes to make her team successful."

Sarah has been in cross county for six years and has made it to state twice with her team.

Sarah is the drum major for her high school marching band and has been in band for seven years. She has made the Oklahoma Baptist University honor band for the past three years and made the All-District band last year.

"My future plans are to go to East Central University and major in mass communications and minor in education and music," said Sarah.

Levonte Douglas

Levonte, son of Nina King and Craig Douglas, of Ardmore, Okla., is an October 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Athletics.

Levonte Douglas

Levonte is a senior at Ardmore High School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Deana Craighead.

"Levonte Douglas shows courtesy and respect to everyone at the high school," said Ms. Craighead. "He excels in sports and is proving he is an outstanding football player for the Ardmore tigers."

In school Levonte participates in varsity football, basketball and track. His varsity track team placed third and second twice at the state track meet for the past three years. He has also recently been named Homecoming King.

Levonte is involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was awarded defensive player of the week.

Levonte has been awarded Ardmore's Male Chickasaw Student of the Year award and has worked the past four summers with the Chickasaw summer youth program.

"My future plans are to attend college and become a music producer," said Levonte.

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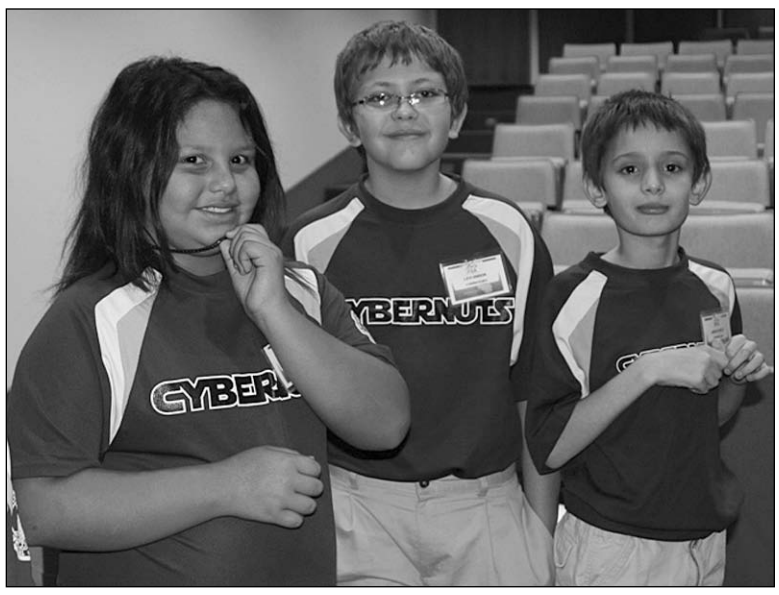
Blockheads, Cybernuts tops in creating solutions

Chickasaw LEGO teams finish 1-2 in projects competition



Cybernuts team members waiting for their turn to compete. From left, Laura Wilson, Levi Hinson and Jason Steidley, all of Ada.

The Chickasaw Nation LEGO teams, Blockheads and Cybernuts won awards at the Ada regional FIRST LEGO tournament November 20. The regional took place at the Pontotoc Technology Center and was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, Pontotoc Technology Center and East Central University.

Blockheads and Cybernuts took first and second place, respectively, in the Project category. In this category, teams create a solution to a problem that scientists and engineers are trying to solve. Teams share their solution and ideas with the judges of the competition.

Each year FIRST LEGO League has a different theme. The theme for 2010 is Body Forward and explores innovative ways to repair injuries and overcome genetic predispositions in order to maximize the body's potential.

Sixteen teams competed in the Ada regional tournament on Saturday. The LEGO competition was judged in project presentation, robot performance, technical design and programming of the robot and teamwork.

FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." It is a national organization founded by inventor Dean Kamen in 1989.

The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs. Through FIRST, students gain engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and develop self-confidence, communication and leadership skills.

For more information about FIRST and the LEGO teams, contact Sara Willie at 580-421-7711 or sara.willie@chickasaw.net

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Underclassmen form new robotics team

The Chickasaw Nation's robotic program has added a new team this year. Known as the Y-Not Robots, this new group of freshman and sophomores has become the program's initial FIRST Tech Challenge team.

FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) is the newest addition to the FIRST national robotics organization's program. FTC developed through a need for a mid-level robotics program to transition teams from LEGO League to the high school Robotics Competition.

"The Y-Not Robots are a stepping-stone team to our high school Metal Mayhem team," said science, technology and math manager Sara Willie. "We are really pleased with the enthusiasm and determination of these students."

FTC enables students to be creative and to develop problem-solving skills. Through FTC, students design and construct robotic devices which can be autonomously programmed or operator-controlled to perform various tasks.

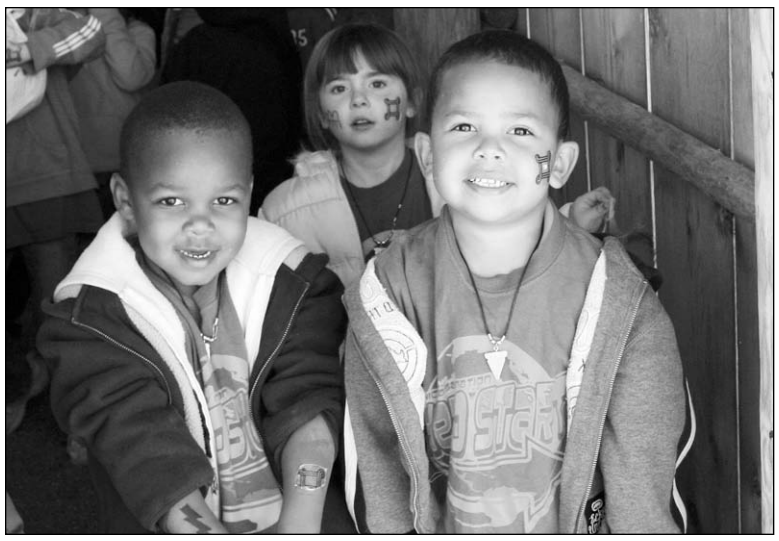
This year's FTC teams will participate in the GET OVER IT!

Why-Not Robots member Melissa Ellis works on the team robot with mentor Jim Lawson in preparation for the first competition December 4 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Challenge for the 2010-11 season. Through the GET OVER IT! Challenge, teams and robots will compete to score the most points by completing various tasks in an obstacle course setting. During the season, students learn to build a robot, plan, brainstorm, research and work as a team.

The Chickasaw Nation Y-Not Robots will compete in their first tournament December 4 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Team members include John Luke Garber, Ada; Michael Stick, Allen; Sean Jesse, Allison Krause and Zachary Walker, Byng; Billy Bonner and Jacie Sellers, Latta; Joshua Tingle, Sulphur; and Melissa Ellis, Vanoss.

In addition, the high school robotics team Metal Mayhem kicked off its season in November with a welcome meeting. Metal Mayhem officially begins the robot build season and competitions in January 2011.



Ardmore Head Start students show off their tribal skin art. From left, Demontrea Stevenson, Dawsyn Hayes and Diamantae Williams.

Head Start students visit Cultural Center for Cultural Preservation Day

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Head Start sponsored a Cultural Preservation Day November 19 at the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Head Start students from the Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo centers learned about Chickasaw culture and history through blowgun, archery and stickball demonstrations. They also learned about native Chickasaw foods, such as pashofa.

The students also visited face painting, coloring, fishing and game booths. Each student chose a book provided by the Reading is Fundamental Program. The day wrapped up with a demonstration by the Chickasaw Dance Troupe.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program, contact Danny Wells at (580) 421-7711.

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Tribal Higher Ed scholarship, grant deadline is Feb. 1

Don't miss your opportunity to receive college funding!

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education spring scholarship and grant application deadline is Feb. 1, 2011. Completed applications are due to the Higher Education Department by that day.

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department offers scholarships and grants to full-time and part-time undergraduate, graduate and doctoral Chickasaw students. The scholarships and grants provide funding for tuition, fees and books for those students pursuing a degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

The scholarship and grant spring semester application deadline is February 1, the summer semester deadline is June 15 and the fall semester deadline is September 1. Students must submit completed applications by deadline indicated each semester to be considered.

Scholarships and grants are available to all Chickasaw students regardless of where they live. Students must be Chickasaw and possess a Chickasaw citizenship card. Eligibility requirements vary depending on the type of scholarship or grant.

For more information and to obtain required scholarship and grant applications, contact the Higher Education Department at (580) 421-7711, deborah.hook@chickasaw.net or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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American Indian Graduate Center offers wide range of scholarships

The American Indian Graduate Center is offering scholarships and fellowships to qualified American Indian and Alaska native graduate students. Scholarship and fellowship opportunities are available in various programs from medicine to fine arts.

The AIGC mission is to build, promote and honor self-sustaining American Indian and Alaska Native communities through education and leadership. The graduate center is a national organization headquartered in Albuquerque. It provides educational assistance to American Indian and Alaska native graduate students throughout the country.

Since its founding in 1969, the AIGC has awarded more than 15,000 scholarships totaling more than $44 million to graduate students in all fields of study. For more applications and more information, visit www.aigc.org.

Chickasaw graduate? We'd like to hear from you!

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If you are a Chickasaw graduate of an accredited college or university, please let us know. Below is a short form for Chickasaw graduates to complete and return to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education, Attention: Deborah Hook, 300 Rosedale Rd., Ada, OK 74820.

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The Division of Education encourages Chickasaw college graduates of all ages and past college graduates to complete and submit the form. Upcoming spring graduates are encouraged to complete the form by April 1 and fall graduates are encouraged to complete the form by November 1.

For more information, email deborah.hook@chickasaw.net or call Deborah at (580) 421-7711.

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Friends of the Foundation event honors contributors

The Chickasaw Foundation hosted its annual Friends of the Foundation reception and art auction November 19 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada, Okla.

The program began with a presentation of the Lord's Prayer by the Chickasaw princesses Maegan Carney, Little Miss Chickasaw; Taloa Underwood, Junior Chickasaw Princess; and Sesiley Robertson, Chickasaw Princess. Ms. Johnna R. Walker, executive director, introduced special guests, and Mr. Kennedy Brown presented the welcome address.

Each year the Chickasaw Foundation recognizes individuals and groups for their contribution to our organization and events. This year's recipients were:

Volunteer of the Year – Ms. Angela Portwood - Angela has been a volunteer for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program numerous times this past year including trips to Dallas and Washington, D.C. She started in the Office of Career Services (OCS) on July 27, 2009, and recently transferred to the Career Development Initiative program.

During her tenure at OCS she taught career-readiness classes, conducted quarterly job clubs for five area offices, provided in-service training to area office resource specialists, conducted Key Train Training, provided job referrals, prepared reports, assisted in the planning of job fairs, made referrals to various tribal and service providers as the need arose and also served in the role of administrative assistant.

Angela utilized her job skills by conducting a workshop at the CFUB College and Career Fair in January 2010.

Partnership Organization – Murray State College - Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) formed a partnership with Murray State College (MSC) in 1995. The CFUB program has served students on the campus of MSC since that time.

During the summer CFUB provides a five-week educational session in which students are housed on campus and attend classes at MSC. The relationship between CFUB and the MSC staff has allowed the program to grow, as well as utilize the facilities and amenities MSC offer: the Chickasaw Foundation is very grateful to Ms. Joy McDaniel and her staff for always being so cooperative and gracious.

Philanthropists of the Year – Mitch Sperry Memorial Law Scholarship Contributors - The Mitch Sperry Memorial Law Scholarship was endowed this year in memory of Mr. Sperry, who served as a Chickasaw Nation legislator. Many people were involved in the golf tournament which has been held two years in a row with a portion of the proceeds given to this scholarship.

Mr. David Woerz generated the idea of a golf tournament and set the wheels in motion. Mitch's wife, Cindy, and his father, Bob, were inspirational in soliciting corporate sponsors and donors for the tournament along with The Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc. The hard work of many led to the scholarship's endowment.

ECCP Donor of the Year – Mr. Craig M. Miller - Mr. Miller has donated to the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan (ECCP) since beginning his employment with the Chickasaw Nation in April 2008. He oversees the day-to-day operations and overall health of the voice and data infrastructure while providing long-term architecture to support future services. Prior to his employment with The Chickasaw Nation, he spent six years in the U.S. Air Force.

This year along with our regular awardees we had several volunteers who worked very hard and we felt they deserved special recognition as well.

Special Recognition

Ms. Vicky Gold - Vicky has been a great sport every year when it comes time to print the Chickasaw Foundation annual newsletter. She has been printing them for the last five years and always delivers them with a smile.

Vicky also helps the Foundation with our monthly article submissions and photos for *the Chickasaw Times*.

Ms. Lisa Wallace - Lisa goes above and beyond to help with the accounting aspect of the Chickasaw Foundation. She prepares the Foundation's statements and keeps track of our investments. She is always willing to answer a question or provide help with a problem.

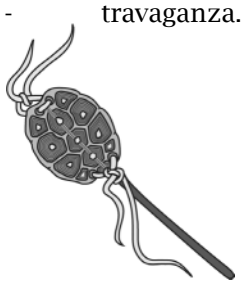
Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math/Science participants enjoyed a tour of the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) programs attended an American College Testing (A.C.T.) workshop at the Lazer Zone Family Fun Center in Ada, Oklahoma on November 6, 2010. The workshop covered information about the purpose of the test, score requirements for college entrance, makeup of the test and strategies to improve test scores. Students also completed a practice test of sample questions. Preceding the workshop, students ate lunch and participated in bowling, lazer tag and miniature golf.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math & Science students received a guided tour of the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Dr. Fabio Mota and Ms. Laura Nickel guided the group. Students were given an opportunity to ask questions. They had a behind-the-scenes look at the pharmacy, internal medicine and the decompression chamber.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students will meet again on December 18th to participate in the Christmas Extravaganza.



Felicia Morales named Student of the Month

Chickasaw Foundation Executive Director, Johnna R. Walker (left), and Felicia Morales.

Ms. Felicia Morales, a senior at Ryan High school, was selected the Chickasaw Foundation (CFUB) Student of the Month for October 2010.

Felicia has been an active participant in the CFUB program for over three years and has attended every summer session. She is a member of her high school's basketball team and helped the team win a state championship.

Felicia was the recipient of the 2009 CFUB Citizenship Award. She helps with community food drives and feels it is important to give back to the community.

She enjoys attending cultural events and is eager to learn about her Latino heritage.

Chickasaw Foundation Announces Two Scholarship Extensions

The Chickasaw Foundation announces the extension of two scholarships. All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline – December 31, 2010 to be considered for funding. Funding for the scholarships will begin with the spring 2011 semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding.

The first scholarship is the Chickasaw Foundation Nonprofit Management Scholarship. It is for full-time Chickasaw undergraduate students with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The student must be attending a four-year college or university pursuing a nonprofit management certification or a field of study related to the nonprofit arena.

The Chickasaw Foundation Career Technology Scholarship is for a Chickasaw Nation employee who is at least 18 years of age and a high school graduate. The student must be attending a career technology, vo-tech or trade school and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Students may contact the Chickasaw Foundation by any of the following means:

www.chickasawfoundation.org ~ Website; ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net ~ email; (580) 421-9030 ~ Phone; (580) 421-9031 ~ Fax; 110 W. 12th Street, Ada, OK ~ Physical Address; P.O. Box 1726, Ada, OK 74821-1726 ~ Mailing Address

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan

The Chickasaw Foundation is greatly appreciative to employees who elected to donate to the Foundation through the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan (ECCP). In January, 2011 we will mail receipts to ECCP participants who contributed over $250 to the Foundation during 2010. We will also issue receipts for those who contributed other amounts upon request. You may contact our office by calling (580) 421-9030 or by e-mail at ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make a difference in the lives of others!

"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service"

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Tribal WIC Nutrition program launches EBT card initiative

ARDMORE, Okla. - The new online Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card has several advantages for clients, retailers and health officials.

Introduced through a cooperative effort with financial services giant J.P. Morgan, the EBT card works just like a debit or credit card and replaces the traditional paper check or voucher. At the end of the transaction, a receipt is printed with information about remaining WIC food benefit balance.

The card was officially introduced October 25 at the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Nutrition Services.

The Chickasaw Nation is the first WIC agency in Oklahoma to issue benefits utilizing a magnetic strip card.

"By working with other partner agencies, the Chickasaw Nation is able to ensure children are getting the essential nutritional foods they need while streamlining the process for our parents and caregivers," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said.

J.P. Morgan is the national leader in bringing electronic banking to low-income households through debit cards. The company provides EBT and debit card services for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, and other benefits, pension and entitlement payments to approximately 11 million cardholders in over 30 states and territories, the United Kingdom and South America.

"The WIC EBT project was a true collaboration of creativity, teamwork and leadership to implement the state-of-the art EBT solution," said Eva Robinson, J.P. Morgan executive director. "The automation from a paper WIC instrument to an online magnetic strip WIC EBT card demonstrates Chickasaw Nation's commitment to ensure that WIC mothers and children receive the highest level of service."

Following the WIC EBT card launch celebration, tribal, federal and state officials, along with representatives from J.P. Morgan and CSC, gather at a Homeland store in Ardmore, Okla., Monday, Oct. 25. Front row from left, FNS Southwest Regional WIC Director Eddie Longoria, Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Deputy Director Joy Standridge, National WIC Director Debra Whitford, Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs Manager Jennifer Hayes, SPIRIT PMO Manager Beverly Hancock , J.P. Morgan Executive Director Eva Robinson, WIC Nutritionist Melody Schrank, Nutrition Services Director Melinda Newport, J. P. Morgan Implementation Manager Melissa Higgins, WIC Program Manager Debi Tipton and WIC Nutrition Paraprofessional Rebecca Smith. Second row from left, Nutrition Services Projects Manager Julie Scott, FNS Southwest Regional Deputy Administrator Karen Twitty, Summer Food Service Program Coordinator Debbie Zachary, Carrie Zeman with Oklahoma State Department of Health WIC, OSDH WIC Vendor Manager Shawn Brown, J.P. Morgan's WIC EBT Product Specialist Louise Meyer, J.P. Morgan WIC Product Manager Bonnie Wright, J.P. Morgan Product Manager Paul Donlon and WIC Nutrition Paraprofessional Rhonda Skelton. Third row from left, J.P. Morgan Relationship Manager Doug Darr, CSC Project Manager Scott Hilboldt and CSC Project Director Marv Cowan. Marcy Gray

For WIC mothers, EBT eliminates the stigma of using paper WIC checks or vouchers and allows them to redeem their benefits more securely and effectively.

According to a 2009 report by J.P. Morgan, the system has many advantages:

- For retailers, EBT reduces the time spent in-lane on WIC sales and in the back office managing WIC participation.
- For state WIC agencies, EBT enhances program management and evaluation with streamlined payment processing, automated reporting and cost efficiencies.
- For clinicians, EBT will produce real-time benefits redemption data useful in responding to participant needs and program management.

The new online WIC EBT card "greatly enhances the shopping experience" as well as "ensures proper nutrition," said National WIC Director Debra Whitford.

The new online card gives families freedom of purchasing the WIC food they need with each trip to the store, without losing the remaining balance for the month.

About WIC

The Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It provides nutrition education and supplemental food packages for the proper development of growing children from the prenatal period up to age five.

A WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, whole grains, canned fish, peanut butter, beans/peas as well as fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables.

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Full-time positions open at Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Due to the expansion at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health has full-time openings within the tribal boundaries for **Physicians in the following specialties:**

- Emergency Department, Ada
- Outpatient Internal Medicine, Ada
- Pediatrician, Ada
- General Dentist, Ada
- Psychiatrist, Ada
- Hospitalist, Ada
- Family Practice, Tishomingo

Other openings include:

- Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Ada, Durant and Tishomingo

For details on any of the professional positions, please contact:

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Chickasaw Nation WIC client Amanda Stinson uses her new online WIC EBT card Monday, Oct. 25 at a Homeland store in Ardmore, Okla.

Chemistry major Wesberry named recipient of SOSU Harvey Scholarship

The O.J. and Mary Christine Harvey Educational Foundation Scholarship winners and officials at a recent awards ceremony. Front row, from left, Jerry Felknor, Judy Picone, Brittany Snapp, O.J. Harvey, Haley Grant, Jessica Gann, Jo McDaniel, and Joy Culbreath. Back row, from left, Southeastern Oklahoma State University President Larry Minks, Rique Martinez, Terry Minton, Travis Dill, Caley Wesberry and Morgan McGee.

DURANT, Okla. - A Chickasaw college student is among eight Native American students at Southeastern Oklahoma State University to be awarded an O.J. and Mary Christine Harvey Educational Foundation scholarship.

Chickasaw citizen Lauren Caley Wesberry, of Tishomingo, Okla., is a 2010 recipient of the annual $5,000 scholarship. Miss Wesberry is a junior majoring in chemistry. Following graduation, she plans to attend optometry school at Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Tahlequah. She works at Clay-Rhynes Eye Clinic in Durant.

The Harvey Foundation Scholarship is a joint effort between the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Southeastern Native American Center for Student Success.

Chris Wesberry, Coordinator of Southeastern's Native American Center for Student Success, said, "We are honored that the O.J. and Mary Christine Harvey Foundation continues to support Native American students at Southeastern. The selected students share a commonality in their culture, but at the same time they are an academically diverse group. We look forward to seeing what they become."

Miss Wesberry joins fellow recipients Rique Joe Martinez, Judy Picone, Travis Trenton Dill, Jessica Ann Gann, Haley Jaey Grant, Morgan Kincaid McGee, Brittany Chanel Snapp, and former recipient Ray Perez Stephens. The recipients presented a traditional ribbon shirt to Dr. O.J. Harvey, founder of the O.J. and Mary Christine Harvey Educational Foundation.

The O.J. and Mary Christine Harvey Educational Foundation was established to assist in the education of academically capable students, especially Native Americans.

Among the more important reasons why the scholarships have been committed to Native American students at Southeastern is the highly cooperative working relationship between the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Southeastern, the high number of Native American students attending the University, and the fact that Southeastern is a national leader in graduating Native American students.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! program announces classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington
Dec. 7: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 9: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 14: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 16: 10 a.m. and noon
Jan. 4: 10 a.m. and noon
Jan. 6: 10 a.m. and noon
Jan. 11: 10 a.m. and noon
Jan. 13: 10 a.m. and noon
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Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook
Dec. 8: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 15: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 16: 6 p.m.
Jan. 5: 10 a.m. and noon
Jan. 12: 10 a.m. and noon
Jan. 13: 6 p.m.
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Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.
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Dec. 8: 10 a.m. and noon
Dec. 14: 10 a.m. and noon
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Jan. 4: 10 a.m. and noon
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Jan. 11: 10 a.m. and noon
Jan. 12: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.
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Dec. 14: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
Dec. 16: 10 a.m. and noon
Jan. 4: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
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Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

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Betsy Love and Women's Property Rights

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Clash of Cultures

The facts of the 1830 case were simple and straightforward. Attorney John Fisher, seeking to collect a $200 debt for legal work from James Allen, filed suit in a Mississippi county court. Failing to appear in court , Allen defaulted and Fisher filed a writ of execution, compelling the county sheriff to seize a portion of Allen's property that would be sold at auction to cover the debt.

The sheriff took into custody a black slave, Toney, who had actually belonged to a Chickasaw woman named Elizabeth "Betsy" Love at the time she married non-Indian Allen. The seizure of the slave was thought to be legal because the state of Mississippi had extended its jurisdiction over all the Chickasaw and Choctaw land within its borders. But more specifically, a state statute recognized that when a woman married, all of her property became her husband's. The law was derived from a staple of English common law known as coverture, placing the woman under her husband's protective "cover."

The lawyer for the couple filed a lawsuit against Fisher, claiming the slave was not the property of Allen, because Toney had been deeded by Allen's wife to their daughter, Susan Allen, in 1829. Furthermore, the attorney argued, according to Chickasaw custom, the wife owned the property, not the husband.

The trial was styled *Fisher v. Allen* and scheduled for the November 1831 docket of the Monroe County Court. Thus, the stage was set for a clash of cultures and a legal watershed in American history that few Chickasaws (despite Betsy Love's role) and other Americans know anything about.

Unfortunately, as is so often the case in important historical matters regarding Indian tribes, documentation is lacking. James Allen and Elizabeth Love apparently left no written notes and the Monroe County court records have been misplaced or lost.

All we know from that trial is the verdict, which must have been quite stunning to many Mississippians. The Mississippi court ruled against the Cotton Gin Port merchant John Fisher, and for the Chickasaw defendants. Ironically, this came at a time when the state and federal government were engaged in campaigns to open up the land to American settlers (and the wealth that would follow) by ridding Mississippi of the Chickasaws .

Fisher, probably feeling the ruling had been an aberration, appealed to a higher court, which upheld the Monroe County court's decision. Unfortunately, we don't have Fisher's reaction. He may have been bumfuzzled, to use a popular Southern word of the time. But, in retrospect, the following questions may have crossed his mind.

*How could this ruling have come down, not just once, but twice, after decades of Chickasaw land cessions and government legislation had been preparing the tribe for Removal?

*Were these Mississippi justices courageous proponents for Indian rights? Or given that judges were elected, were they contemplating retirement?

*If the thousand-year-old English doctrine of coverture (adapted by the American legal system) didn't apply to this Chickasaw woman, how could it be applicable to any Chickasaw woman?

We might not have answers to these questions if Fisher had not appealed the adverse ruling. Fortunately, the separate opinions of the two appellate justices have survived. More than a century and a half later in 1996, Megan Benson, a University of Oklahoma graduate student working on her master's thesis, reviewed and scrutinized those opinions and analyzed and interpreted them in the context of the 1830s. In her thesis, Benson also revealed the role of *Fisher v. Allen* in an 1839 Mississippi act that rang down the curtain on coverture for all Mississippi women. The fact that this enactment did not lead to more rights for women strongly suggests that the all-male judges and legislators had other priorities.

As Benson writes, indeed they did.

Betsy Love's Property

Elizabeth Love was one of some 13 children born to British citizen Thomas Love. As a British partisan, Love sought refuge with the Chickasaws in 1782 following the Spanish takeover of Florida during the American Revolution. He met James Logan Colbert, the Colbert family patriarch living with the Chickasaws and his Chickasaw children from three marriages. In due course, Love married a Chickasaw woman; some Colbert and Love descendants believe the woman was one of Colbert's daughters, named Sally. Upon her presumed death, Love married another Chickasaw woman, Homahota or Emahota.

Homahota was said by Love genealogist Marie Garland possibly to be a descendant of a French woman, known only as French Nancy. In any event, Homahota was at least predominately Chickasaw by blood and was not much older than Love's oldest children. In Love's later years, the family lived at Holly Springs, Mississippi, near the Martyn Mission, where some of the children attended school. (Martyn was one of four schools administered by the Presbyterians but financed by the tribe and federal government).

Garland writes that Love got his children the best available education for that time and place, and the children learned to speak Chickasaw and English. Some took advantage of business opportunities presented by the ever-increasing number of non-Indians settling in their Nation. Elizabeth, or Betsy, as she was known, apparently had a farm or plantation from what was the tribe's communal land holdings. She also had lots of farm related property, including some slaves, like Toney, who, characteristic of many slaves, had no surname.

She brought this property to her marriage to James Allen in the late 1790s. In 1803, a visitor to their home near the Chickasaw Agency (present day Houlka, Mississippi) described her as having "fair skin, a fine figure and good manners." Another visitor in 1812 found her to be nearly all white, but unwilling to speak English. She said she "cannot talk it right" and the people will laugh at her. The couple subsequently lived in Monroe County, and were said to own a tavern in the same town, Toccopola, in Pontotoc County, where they resided on 160 acres, according to allotment records for Pontotoc County. On the 1830 census, James was listed as more than 60 years old. He died, according to inferences drawn from documents, by researcher Don Martini, in about 1835.

So in a sense, Betsy Love was on her own as the *Fisher v. Allen* case was appealed to Mississippi's high court. But by 1835 (if not before) she was one of the wealthier mixed-blood Chickasaws, according to Martini. After her death in July 1837, an inventory of her property was made and is found on page 17 in Martini's book, which is listed in this article's bibliography. In summary, Betsy Love owned part of her land allotments (but had sold two portions in 1836), several head of cattle, horses and other animals, a variety of home furnishings, many books, farm equipment, and the remaining 12 slaves.

Why Private Property Prevailed

At the conclusion of the appeal, Chief Justice William Sharkey and Justice C.P. Smith wrote separate opinions for the majority. Their remarks are all that we have. We don't know how many justices presided (though we suspect three), how other justices voted or how each side presented its case. We also don't know who represented Betsy Love. Therefore, we don't know if her attorney presented compelling points to the judges or if their minds were made up in advance.

Martini writes that Allen and Love were married in 1797 or 1798, but doesn't elaborate or cite a source. He is probably inferring the years based on an examination of certain dated records. Since the tribe is matrilineal, and presumably Allen wanted to take advantage of Betsy's assets, it is likely that they were married according to Chickasaw custom and no written record exists.

Further, Justice Smith observed: "It does not appear that the marriage between Allen and Betsy Love took place under the territorial government [1798-1817]." If they married by Chickasaw custom, Betsy would not have changed her last name to Allen, although tribal historian and storyteller Glenda Galvan, notes that by the 1820s Chickasaw mixed-blood women had begun to take their non-Indian husbands' names. But, the fact that she is referred to in court documents as Betsy Allen may be the court's presumption that she had taken her husband's name.

In any event, the wedding venue made no difference to justices Sharkey or Smith because the Chickasaws recognized the marriage, and Allen and Love were married and the gift of Toney to her daughter Susan both were accomplished before Mississippi lawmakers extended the state's jurisdiction over the Chickasaws in January 1830.

Sharkey wrote that while the state statute "repeals and abolishes the tribal laws and customs, [it] cannot be construed to extend so far as to interfere with the rights of property previously acquired." Smith agreed, saying the legislature intended to extend to the Chickasaws the "full protection of the law; they were made members of the civil community." The legislature, he wrote, could not have "violated the sanctity of private property, even if they [sic] had so intended."

Benson noted that with Sharkey's liberal interpretation, he left a possible legal opening for the Chickasaws regarding property "previously acquired" by them. If the state recognized tribal rather than state sovereignty for Betsy Allen, "might not the Chickasaw use the case as a precedent to further their claim on their land and resist removal?"

While that seemed possible, Benson believed that "in a state teeming with [land] speculators waiting to buy valuable land allotments, and a state where judges were elected, "it seems unlikely that Justice Sharkey was merely doing the right thing."

But, she also wrote that she didn't believe that the justices plotted with "conscious malice. They honestly believed they were protecting the Indian people and with their benevolent paternalism, [they] formed an important component in the planned transformation

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of the Indian."

Maybe they were not plotting together and maybe they did not wish the Chickasaws malice, but there is little doubt that the judges and most Mississippians wanted the Chickasaws out of their state.

Your Land to Sell

If the judges wanted or needed a precedent for their decision, they knew that the Chickasaws' original removal treaty of 1832 had been modified in 1834 so that tribal women would receive land allotments from the sale of the Chickasaw domain. These land allotments would be owned by the woman and could not be sold by the husband without her permission in writing. Moreover, she could sell her land without the husband's permission.

The court found that Betsy Love in 1829 deeded property to her daughter and recognized that coverture was an alien concept to Chickasaws. The court ruled that coverture didn't apply to her because she was a Chickasaw woman, nor could it apply to any Chickasaw woman. In other words, they were all perfectly free to retain their land, but they could not live there under the jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation. Or they were free to sell their land to any of the numerous white speculators and follow the tribe to its destination, at some as yet to be determined land west of the Mississippi River. If the great majority of Chickasaws chose the latter, removal would proceed much more efficiently.

Benson noted that it was important "to white [people's] sensibilities" to make it seem as though the Chickasaws were leaving their homeland as the result of "natural market forces" rather than by preordained design. In this way, the two justices' language was "a smokescreen." By using phrases such as "full protection of the law" and "sanctity of private property" Benson wrote that the court obscured white intent and absolved itself of "the responsibility of the diaspora [dispersion]of native America."

This smokescreen was noted by the visiting French author, Alexis de Tocqueville, in his book, Democracy in America. He wrote that Americans deprived Indians of their rights with a "singular attachment to the formalities of the law."

Although the justices didn't mention slavery in their opinions, the property at the center of the case was a slave, and according to Benson, "It is impossible to exaggerate the extent to which questions about slave property dominated the courts of Mississippi."

Slavery troubled the justices. Not the morality of it, but the fear that an increasing population of blacks in Mississippi might explode into a full-blown uprising. That's why, Benson believed, the justices favored dispersion of the slave population. One way to accomplish that was to make sure the emigrating Chickasaws took their slaves with them.

This dispersion goal was also facilitated ironically by the nationwide financial Panic of 1837. Its harmful effects spread across the land, bringing economic distress to most citizens of Mississippi . As a result, a series of court decisions in Mississippi had all but exempted slave property from seizure for bad debts. This financial panic led the Mississippi Legislature in 1839--two years after the *Fisher v Allen* decision--to remove coverture for white women. But Benson noted a key distinction: "While the desire to acquire Indian land motivated the original [1837] court action, the need to protect white holdings prompted the 1839 legislation. During this period of Indian removal, the fiscal structure of Mississippi began to unravel.

"The frenzy in land speculation, credit hunger, and soft money led to foreclosures and bank failures. Heavy investment…could not salvage the situation, and eventually Mississippi citizens voted to repudiate their debt."

State leaders realized that by granting their wives financial independence by lifting coverture, they could shelter assets, including slave property, from hungry creditors. But the act did not extend full financial independence to women. While a woman might benefit from this exemption of her property from her husband's debts, under this 1839 act, the husband controlled the conveyance of that property.

Thus, "white women now found themselves with the same rights that had been extended to Indian women: equality, but only in a contractual, non-political sense," Benson wrote. "In reality, their new liberalism, suffused as it was with patriarchal ideology, provided both the white women and the Indian women of Mississippi with all the freedom their benefactors needed."

Nevertheless, the precedent set by Fisher versus Allen, led to Mississippi's Married Women's Property Act of 1839. This, in turn, prompted Michigan and Maine to follow suit in 1844, followed by Texas in 1846 and New York in 1848. England, where the concept of coverture originated in the mists of history, recognized women's property rights in 1870.

In her article on the 1839 act, Choctaw author LeAnne Howe cited Mississippi historian J.F.H Claiborne with this back-handed compliment to Betsy Love and her tribe: "It is singular than an uncivilized tribe of Indians in the interior of Mississippi…have anticipated the action of more enlightened communities in a reform of the common law, now acknowledged to be not only just and proper, but in strict conformity to the highest principles of equity."

Betsy Love didn't live to see any of the fruits of her courageous action. She died in July 1837, just a few months after *Fisher v Allen* was concluded. Her original estate had a value of $10,000 (or about $230,000 in today's money) though this amount was reduced after many years of probate. But of more value to her daughters than any property she left them would have been their right, following the passage of the Mississippi Women's Act of 1839, to own that property free of the credit obligations of their husbands.

Her pivotal role in the development of the act is her legacy to them, and to us.

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
October 15, 2010

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Ms. Linda Briggs served as Chairperson Pro Tempore in the absence of Chairperson Holly Easterling. Ms. Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Member absent: Holly Easterling

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Ron Frazier, Barbara Wilson, Mike McKee, Marcy Gray, S. Ashley Large, Rita Loder, Shanna Lopez

Ms. Briggs appointed Mr. David Woerz as Secretary Pro Tempore.

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Ms. Briggs read Ms. Holly Easterling's letter of resignation from the Legislature.

AGENDA ITEM #5 ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY AND SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Ms. Briggs opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

Mr. Woods nominated David Woerz for Chairperson and Ms. Barker seconded the nomination. Mr. Tim Colbert moved that David Woerz be accepted by acclimation and that nominations cease. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Chairperson Woerz opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Ms. Elliott nominated Dean McManus as Secretary and Ms. Green seconded the nomination. Mrs. Alexander nominated Scott Colbert for Secretary and Ms. Case seconded the nomination.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert that nominations cease. All members were in favor of the motion.

Votes were cast by secret ballot. Chairperson Woerz announced the vote was seven to five in favor of Dean McManus.

Chairperson Woerz appointed Doretta Sellers as Recording Secretary and Harold Stick as Sergeant-At-Arms. There were no oppositions to these appointments.

AGENDA ITEM #6 READING OF MINUTES - September 17, 2010

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve the minutes of September 17, 2010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2010 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 28-010, Declaration of Vacancy and Request for Special Election

This resolution announces a vacancy on the Legislature due to the resignation of Holly Easterling, Seat 1, Pontotoc District. It requests the Governor call a special election to fill the vacancy and sets forth specific rules, procedures and dates for such special election.

A correction was noted on page two of the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR28-010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-010 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 28-001, Approval of Development Budget Amendment Roads Department Building

The Chickasaw Nation Roads Department is currently responsible for approximately 25 roads projects to replace roads and bridges throughout the 13 counties encompassed by the Chickasaw Nation. The Chickasaw Nation Roads Department is also an important liaison with the county and state governments in Oklahoma. The Roads Department has worked with county commissioners and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation on projects that enhance the lives of all Oklahomans within the Chickasaw Nation. Additionally, the Roads Department administers the Driveway Program designed to assist Chickasaw elders and families with special needs, living within the Chickasaw Nation, with the repair and/or construction of private driveways. The Roads Department is also responsible for assisting in emergency response to snow and ice events for Chickasaw Nation property. The work of the Chickasaw Nation Roads Department helps ensure safe roads and bridges, safe driveways for citizens and prompt responses for emergencies.

The Roads Department has outgrown its current office space and a new building with support facilities is needed for the Roads Department to continue to provide quality services to the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. The new support facilities will allow a quick response to needs of the Chickasaw Nation buildings during snow and ice events, and to efficiently serve the citizens and non-citizens of the Chickasaw Nation with improved roads and bridges.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Roads Department Offices and Support Facilities, Project Number 30-0095-10 in the amount of $1,612,705.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR28-001.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-001 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-002, Approval of Development Budget Amendment, Ada Maintenance Building

The Chickasaw Nation Maintenance Department is responsible for maintaining buildings, property and facility infrastructure throughout the Chickasaw Nation. The functions performed by the Maintenance Department include housekeeping, maintenance, landscaping and tribal properties, and the Maintenance Department works to ensure facilities are safe, clean and well maintained both internally and externally. The Ada maintenance staff provides service for facilities in and around Ada.

The Ada maintenance staff is currently housed in several different buildings throughout Ada. The requested building will allow for consolidation of all staff into one location. This will alleviate current overcrowding among several departments as well as provide more efficient coordination of the staff. The new building will provide adequate office and work area for the Ada maintenance staff to serve facilities in the Ada area.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for Ada Maintenance building, Project Number 20-0098-10 in the amount of $685,000.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR28-002.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-002 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-003, Approval of Development Budget Amendment Ardmore Maintenance Building

The Chickasaw Nation Maintenance Department is responsible for maintaining buildings, property and facility infrastructure throughout the Chickasaw Nation. The functions performed by the Maintenance Department include housekeeping, maintenance, landscaping and tribal properties, and the Maintenance Department works to ensure facilities are safe, clean and well maintained, both internally and externally. The Ardmore maintenance staff provides service for multiple facilities in and around Ardmore.

Currently the Ardmore maintenance offices are located on the Ardmore campus. The offices must be relocated to accommodate the construction of the new Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic. The new maintenance building will be constructed in the northeast corner of the Ardmore campus property. The proposed building will provide office space, equipment bays and a shop area. This proposed building will provide adequate office and work area for the Ardmore maintenance staff to

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NOVEMBER 2010 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 28-011

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Chickasaw White House Caretaker's House

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for Chickasaw White House Caretakers House, Project Number 30-0102-10, in the amount of $111,400.00.

The Chickasaw White House was home to Chickasaw Governor Douglas Hancock Johnston and his family from 1898 to 1971. The heirs to Governor Johnston signed the house and property over to the Chickasaw Nation in 1998. In 2000, the Chickasaw Nation began the process of restoring the house to its former grandeur. The Chickasaw White House has become an integral part of the Chickasaw Nation's cultural and historic preservation program with guided tours and museum exhibits.

The Chickasaw Nation White House caretaker housing is currently an older single wide mobile home that has structural issues and is in need of extensive repairs. Also, the existing home is located to the east of the White House and does not fit into the historical context of the property. The proposed site location is located across Mansion Road and shall have a full view of the White House site. This location will provide the security needed for the historical site. The workshop area will also provide the caretaker with an area to work on items that need repair and to store and secure maintenance tools and equipment.

The Scope of Work includes the purchase of a pre-built 960 square foot, two bedroom, one bath home installed on a block stem wall and concrete foundation. A residential size storm shelter shall be installed on site along with a 20'x 20' wood frame workshop with overhead garage door. Utilities will be brought onto the site including electric, water and phone. A septic system shall be designed and installed.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 28-012

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

(Artesian Casino)

Explanation: This resolution approves an amendment to the Development Budget for the Artesian Casino and Parking Garage, Project Number 1014-SUL-GAM-C in the amount of $8,132,349.00.

The existing temporary facility was installed after the Motor Lodge was demolished with plans to reinstate a permanent facility at or about the time the new Artesian Hotel was being constructed. The current facility does not meet the demands of our business nor the planned improvements to the new Hotel. The increase in growth on the property has become inadequate to keep up with current business demands.

The Cash Springs temporary location continues to experience a steady growth in business. Coupled with this increase in business, the new Artesian Hotel is being constructed. This new development and increase in demand provides for more opportunities for our customers and adequate space for our employees to work. These improvements are necessary to meet the demands of our customers, our employees and generate additional revenues to the Chickasaw Nation.

The Scope of Work includes constructing a new 11,000 square foot pre-engineered steel structure, building new employee offices, placing approximately 250 additional games and constructing a 143 space parking garage.

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION: This resolution is an emergency because it was received after the due date for legislation this month.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council

Laughter was everywhere at TG Farms' Pumpkin Patch in Newcastle on October 23, as 300 children and adults celebrated a fall festival. This was a community project, offered by the council to Chickasaw foster children and foster parents.

These 22 children had the opportunity to mix and mingle with others of their Chickasaw heritage.

Everyone had as much food as they wanted. Many said, "The grilled hotdogs were the best."

Activities began with a Halloween costume contest, judged by Beth Alexander, Katie Case and Amy Wampler.

Throughout the day something was happening. Children were everywhere, having their faces painted, carving pumpkins, roasting marshmallows and making s'mores, hayrides, walking corn and hay mazes, pony rides, swings, slides and a petting zoo. The end of the day brought many smiles and thanks, when they were given a treat bag and a pumpkin to take home.

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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

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OKLAHOMA
CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Linda O'Hagen, 405-350-3311 or 405-409-3556

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

Christmas at the Museums
Chickasaw White House, Chickasaw Council House and Chickasaw Capitol from 3-6 p.m.
Regina Berna, (580) 371-9835

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

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Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com
Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182
COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly, 2nd Saturday
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-393-0696

NEW ENGLAND
New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly , 3rd Saturday
Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919 or 512-517-4404

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

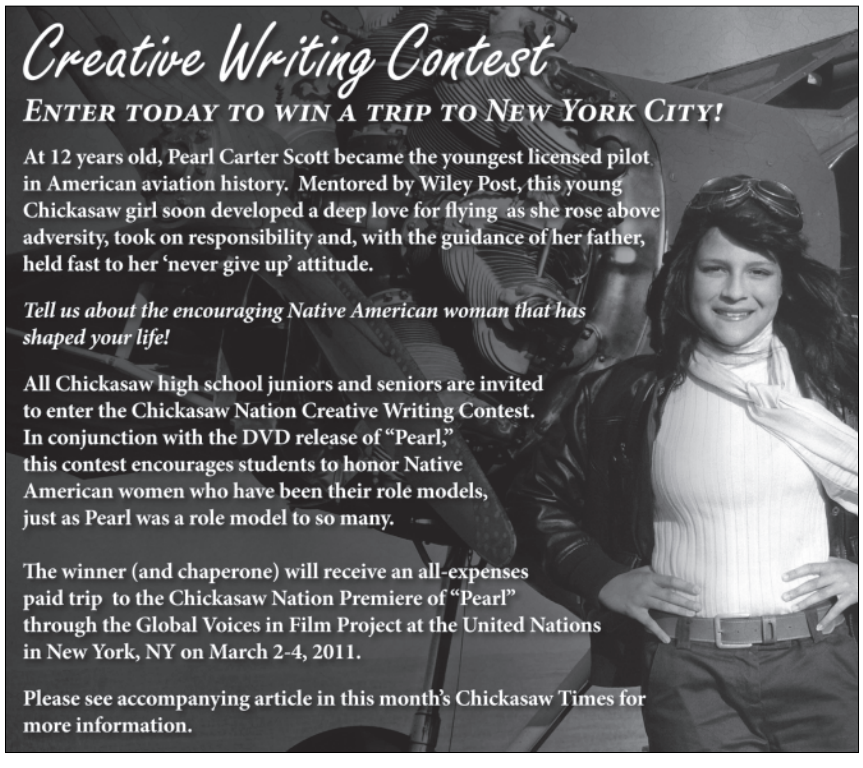
Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas

Nancy McLarry, representative of the Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas donated Thanksgiving dinner to a deserving family, Jacob and Ruby Reese and their two children in Boerne, Texas last Saturday.

Since the first Thanksgiving feast started with the Native Americans bringing food to the new settlers in this county, this council decided to have the same project.

At the annual meeting last week, the members brought canned goods and other food stuffs to supply a family their Thanksgiving dinner. Mike McDaniels, the preacher for the Cowboy Church supplied the name of the family to the group.

The Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas meets every second Sunday at 2 p.m. in San Antonio. The location will be announced in December.For more information contact Nancy McLarry, Secretary, of Boerne, Texas at (830) 537-4576.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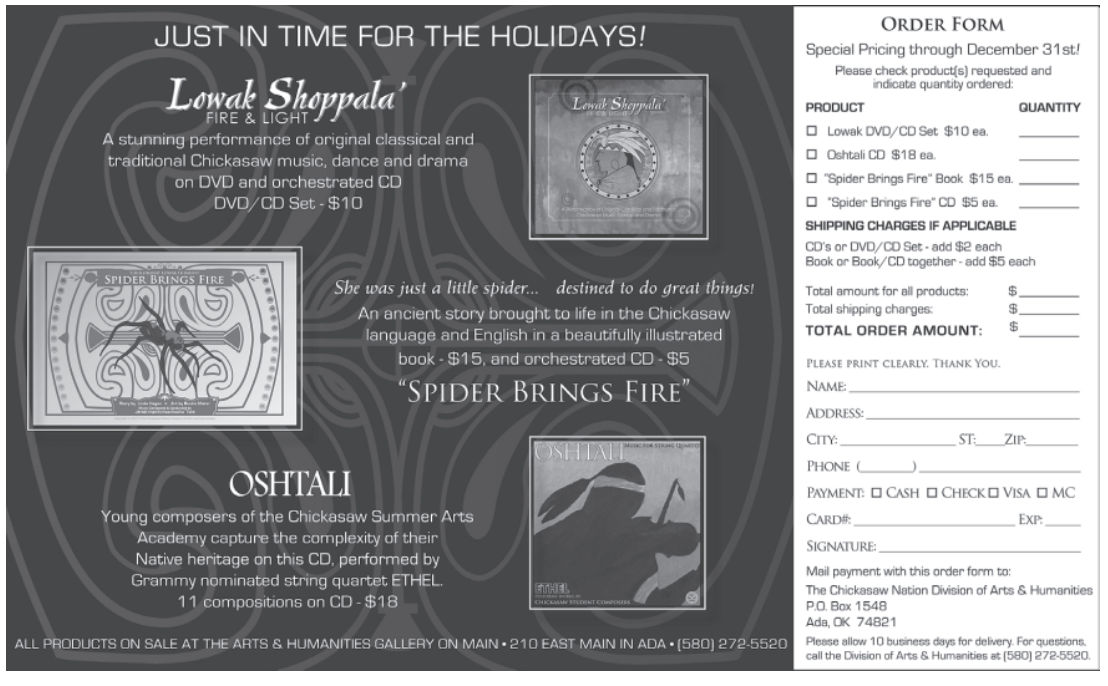
Tell us about the encouraging Native American woman that has shaped your life!
All Chickasaw high school juniors and seniors are invited to enter the Chickasaw Nation Creative Writing Contest. In conjunction with the DVD release of "Pearl," this contest encourages students to honor Native American women who have been their role models, just as Pearl was a role model to so many.
The winner (and chaperone) will receive an all-expenses paid trip to the Chickasaw Nation Premiere of "Pearl" through the Global Voices in Film Project at the United Nations in New York, NY on March 2-4, 2011.
Please see accompanying article in this month's Chickasaw Times for more information.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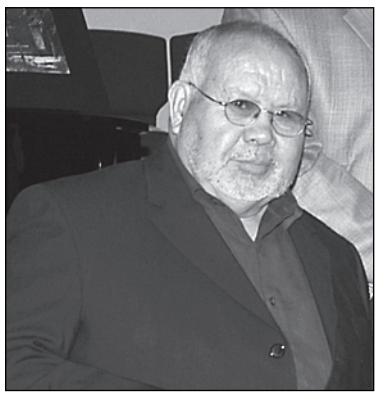
Gabriel Oshway Burris



Gabriel Oshway Burris, 71, of Newcastle, Okla., died Nov. 22, 2010. A memorial service was Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Newcastle.

Mr. Burris was born Dec. 12, 1938, at Tupelo, Okla., to Mose Burris and Willie Docie Stick Burris.

After graduating from Tupelo High School in 1956, Mr. Burris joined the U.S. Army and served three and one-half years in the 101st Airborne Division during the Korean Conflict. He returned to Oklahoma and settled in the Oklahoma City metro area. In 1968, he moved to Newcastle.

Mr. Burris worked many years before retiring from MPI. He owned a mechanic and paint and body shop. He helped start the Newcastle little league program and Tri City Cruisers Car Club.

He served as a Chickasaw Nation Legislator and held other numerous positions within the Chickasaw Nation. While living in Newcastle he was a member of the Woodland Hills Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mose and Willie Burris; a daughter, Trina Jenkins; four sisters, Doris Grace, Neather Mozella, Mary Francis and Sebena Charlotte; a niece, Patricia Kay; and three infant siblings.

He is survived by his wife, Molly of the home; three sons, Terry Burris and wife Kai, Tracy Burris and wife Toni, and Anthony Burris; a daughter, Missy Shores and husband Toby; son-in-law, Cliff Jenkins; eight grandchildren, Corey and Taylor Burris, Trae and Tyson Shores, Tiffiny Grigg and husband Buck, Tatum Sallee and husband Brandon, Tessa Burris and Morgan Shores; five great-grandchildren, Ashley, Jordan, Madison, Kailee and Logan; three brothers and their families, David Lee Burris, Elton Hoyt Burris and Edwin Neil Burris; two sisters and their families, Winnie Mae Fox and Lonie Alyne Burris; many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Faith Hospice 800 Rock Creek Rd., Suite 101, Norman, OK 73069.

James Eugene Christie Sr.

James Eugene Christie, 59, of McMillan, Okla., died Nov. 13, 2010 at the Medical Center in Durant, Okla. Services were Nov. 17, 2010 at the Pickens Baptist Church, McMillan, with Robert Sanders officiating. Interment was in the Pickens Cemetery, McMillan.

Mr. Christie was born June 12, 1951 to Gilbert Isom Christie and Dena Mae Taylor Christie at Talihina, Okla. He was raised in Marshall County and later moved to Chicago, where he lived from 1966 to 1972.

He married Gloria Burgett June 28, 1969 at Oakland, Okla. He moved to Oakland and worked for Marshall County District 1 for 27 years, retiring June 2010. He was a licensed minister and attended the Pickens Baptist Church.

He enjoyed being with his grandkids, cooking-out on the barbecue and playing his bass guitar.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Teresa Christie; and a sister, Betty Fixico.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Jean Christie, of McMillan; children, James Eugene Christie and wife, April, of Madill, Okla., John Lee Christie, of Ardmore, Okla., Joseph Brannon Christie and wife, Bobbie, of El Paso, Texas, Jessica Lynn Christie, Jason Todd Christie and wife, Karen, and Jamie Taylor Christie, all of Madill; and a sister, Gilberta Gail Roberts, of Madill.

Pallbearers were Michael Christie, Joseph Christie, Joseph Christie, Jr., Tony Christie, Curtis Johnson, Don Johnson and Mark Roberts.

Honorary Bearers were Marshall County District 1, Jason Christie, James Christie, John Christie, Matt Robert and Michael Bugos.

Condolences may be sent to wattsfuneralhome.com

William Ferges "Dub" Jones, Jr.

William Ferges "Dub" or "W.F." Jones, Jr., died February 1, 2007 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Dallas. He was born March 3, 1918 at Woodville, Okla.

Services were conducted in Tishomingo, Okla., his earthly body cremated as Mr. Jones wished. His family celebrated his life and distributed his ashes as he requested.

Mr. Jones joined the U.S. Army Air Corps January 21, 1943 at the age of 24. He was considered the "old man" of the crew. He flew more than 25 missions as a waist-gunner on the B-17 "The Betty J." He was the only crew member with a child, so he painted her name, Carol Ann, below his gun station.

His bomb group flew out of Deenethorpe, England. He kept a notebook of missions for a while, but gave it up as the losses in men mounted.

One early entry describes "Real intense flak. Other waist-gunners and I (didn't realize the danger of flak) stood up and pointed at it." When two large pieces came through between us, we got behind the armor plating. We had 55 holes in our ship; one engine out over target and another out over North Sea coming/back. Thought we would have to ditch in North Sea, but made it OK."

He was proud of his service to his country and proud to know his great-grandson is a U.S. Marine.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William F. Sr., and Maud (Christian) Jones.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Max Campbell; grandsons and wives, Timothy Lee and Karen Stevenson, of Boerne, Texas, and Eric Neil and Darla Stevenson, of Moore, Okla.; great-grandchildren Timothy Lee Jr., Amanda Carol and Nicholas Anthony Stevenson, all of Boerne; and Desiree and Neil Alexander Stevenson, of Moore.

Letters to Editor

Washington trip 'a once in a lifetime experience'

Dear Editor:

My cousin John D. Cole, Jr. and myself, want to thank the Chickasaw Nation for the wonderful trip that 17 Chickasaw veterans and their companions were taken on to Washington, D.C., November 8-13, 2010.

For us, it was a once in a lifetime experience. While I have been blessed in so many ways in my lifetime and although I had been stationed in Washington twice, this trip was personally as rewarding and fulfilling a trip as anything I have done in years. It is always rewarding to represent the Chickasaw people in all the things we do. But to be with fellow veterans and to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was a thrill and an honor that words cannot describe.

I also want to let it be known that Karen Cook and all her Division of Aging staff, as well as Tony Choate and the team from Multimedia all worked together to pull off the trip with precision and helpfulness that was above and beyond anything that we could have dreamed of before we traveled to Washington. As an old soldier, I salute each and every Chickasaw staff member on the trip.

It is not just the business success and the wonderful new facilities we have built and are building, but it is the caring for our people with medical services, nutrition centers and many other services that makes the Chickasaws the envy of others.

John and I want to send Governor Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Keel and all those involved a big Yakoke for all they do for our people.

Sincerely,
Eugene G. Thompson
John D. Cole, Jr.

A great Veterans Day tour

Dear Editor:

Thank you Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation for the opportunity to visit our Nation's Capitol, Washington, D.C., for Veteran's Day.

It was truly a trip of a lifetime.

Thank you to U.S. Representative Tom Cole, for arranging our tour of the U.S. Capitol. Thank you also to the members of the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging; Karen Cook, Stacy Wesberry, Twila Ferris, Mandy Bell, Chad Castleberry, Larry Cohee, Shelly McClendon and Danny Ammons, who made this trip outstanding. These individuals along with bus drivers, Isreal Vasquez and Kenny enabled us to experience Veteran's Day like never before.

It was a true honor to be present at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and witness Chickasaw Veteran's place a wreath in remembrance for all who have served. It is a memory that will last a lifetime.

We also enjoyed our tour of the National American Indian Museum and the performance of Brad and Jeff while there.

Thank you again to all that make this trip possible.

God bless,
Charles and Rose Blankenship

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
November 15, 2010
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz
Absent: Steve Woods

Finance Committee
November 15, 2010
Present: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, David Woerz
Absent: Steve Woods

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee
November 15, 2010
Present: Shana Hammond, Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, David Woerz

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

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serve facilities in the Ardmore area.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for Ardmore Maintenance building, Project Number 20-0099-10, in the amount of $497,750.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve GR28-003.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-003 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 28-004, Approval of Application for Funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Title VI, Part A Grant for Native Americans and Title VI, Part C Grant for Native American Caregiver Support Program

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Title VI, Part A grant for funding to help the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging continue to provide nutritional and supportive services to Indian elders, and Title VI, Part C grant for funding to assist families in caring for an older relative with a chronic illness or disability. The application requests federal funding in the amount of $186,000.00 for Part A and $57,680.00 for Part C.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR28-004.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-004 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus Concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

Mr. Woods served as Committee Chair Pro Tempore.

General Resolution Number 28-005, Agricultural Lease No. G09-1754 in Atoka County

This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G09-1754, for grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, containing 632.32 acres, more or less, in favor of Ewing and Donna Downen. The proposed lease will be for a three year term beginning on January 1, 2010, and expiring on December 31, 2012, with a per annum payment of $9,500.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $2,375.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR28-005.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-005 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-006, Business Lease No. G09-1744 in Pittsburg County

This resolution approves Business Lease No. G09-1744, for access purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, containing 20 acres, more or less, in favor of Billy Black. The proposed lease will be for a three year term beginning on November 1, 2009, and expiring on October 31, 2012, with a per annum payment of 225.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $56.25.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR28-006.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-006 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-007, Authorization of Real Property Lease in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to lease real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, known as the Abbott-Miller Building, containing 11.1 acres more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. This lease covers the period from November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011, with an option to renew for a period not to exceed one year.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR28-007.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-007 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number GR28-008, Authorization of Real Property Lease in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to lease real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, known as the Abbott-Miller Building, containing 11.1 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. This lease covers the period from November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011, with an option to renew for a period not to exceed one year.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR28-008.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-008 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-009, Authorization for Real Property Lease in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to lease nine hundred seventy six (976) square feet of office space affixed to real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, containing 11.1 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. This lease covers the period from November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011, with an option to renew for a period not to exceed one year.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Riggs to approve GR28-009.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-009 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #9 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

There was no new business to discuss or any comments from citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #10 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean McManus, Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

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